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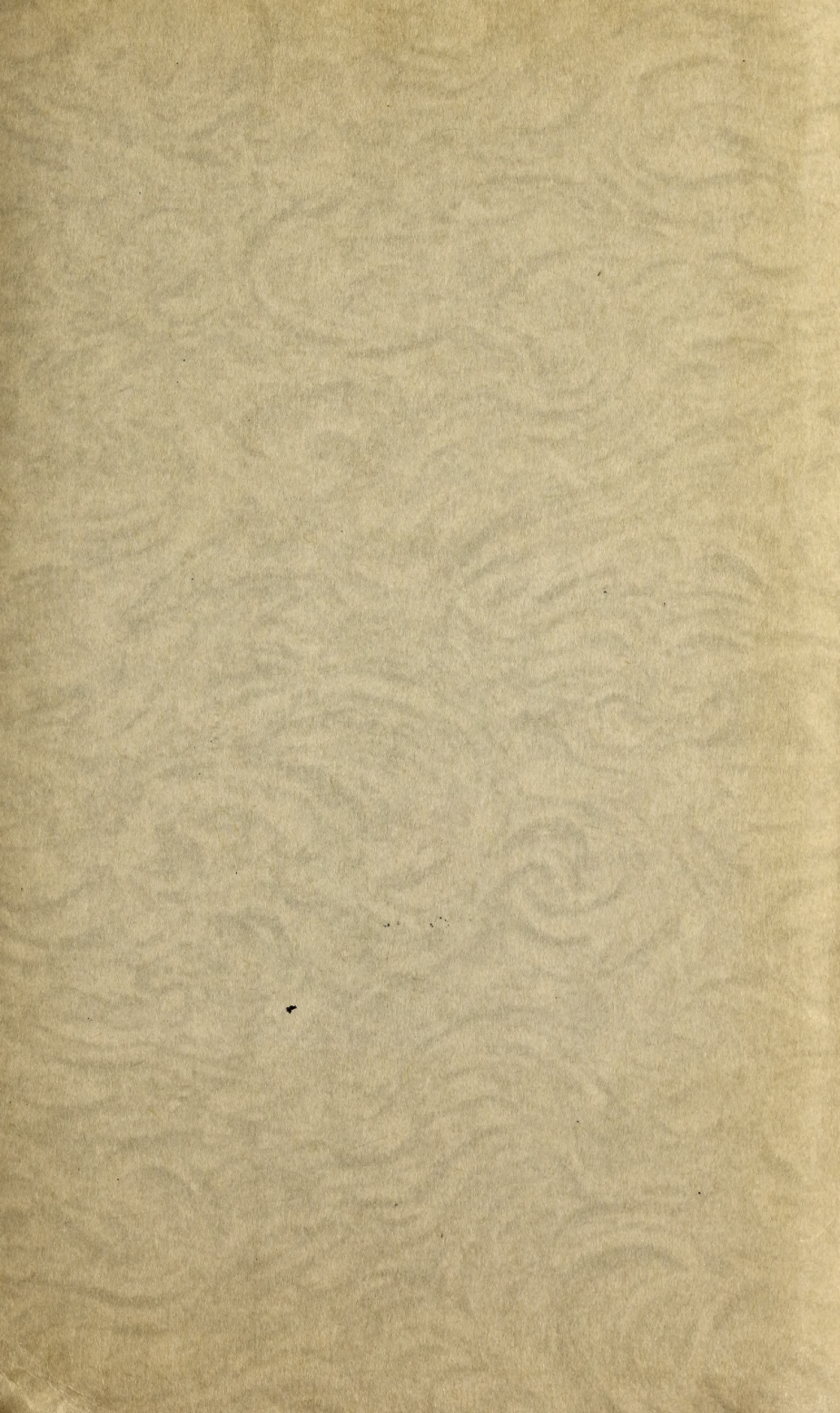


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MINUTES

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SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

❧ ZIONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH ❧

WATAUGA CO., N. C.

August 24-26,
1915.



Next Session to be held with Stony Fork Church, 14 miles
east of Boone, beginning Tuesday after the fourth
Sunday in August, 1916;

J. F. Eller to preach the annual sermon; L. C. Wilson alternate.

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MINUTES

OF THE

Three Forks Baptist Association.

LXXV ANNUAL SESSION

ZIONVILLE, N. C., AUGUST 24, 1915.

Three Forks Baptist Association met this day in its 75th annual session in the house of worship of Zionville Baptist church.

At 11 o'clock a. m. L. A. Wilson who was appointed by last association to preach the annual sermon announced as his text 1st Cor. 3: 9-10. At the close of the sermon L. W. Farthing led in prayer.

J. J. L. Sherwood, the Moderator, made some remarks in endorsement of the sermon.

The association stood and sang "I love thy Kingdom, Lord." L. W. Farthing moved that we take a recess for one hour. Carried.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

After an adjournment of one hour the association was called to order by the Moderator.

A song, "There's a friend," &c., after which J. H. Farthing led in prayer, followed by a song.

Messengers presented letters from 34 churches.

W. Y. Perry and I. G. Greer, by request, read the letters.

The term of office of the the present officers having expired, the present clerk declines to accept the clerkship further. L. C. Wilson recommends the name of W. Y. Perry for clerk.

The association proceeded to ballot for Moderator and Clerk. R. E. Grimsley and I. C. Miller collecting and comparing the ballots, which resulted in the election of J. J. L. Sherwood Moderator, and W. Y. Perry Clerk.

During the interval of counting the votes the association engaged in singing "How condescending and how kind, Was God's eternal Son," "How firm a foundation," &c., C. S. Farthing leading.

It is announced that David Greene will preach at this hour in the grove near by.

A motion prevailed that we hear the report on Order of Business. Report was read by Smith Hagaman, and adopted.

A motion prevailed that "Kerfoot's Manuel of Parliamentary Practice" shall be received as the rule in all cases not covered by the rules adopted by the Three Forks Association.

Messengers and visitors from other other associations were invited to seats.

John A. Lowe, Senter Younce, W. A. Brown, and R. E. Grimsley reported from Watauga association, A. Roten from Trace Ridge as-

sociation, Ark., D O Ray from Caldwell Co., J S McBride from Holston, B. F. Wilcox from Stony Fork, W. A. J. Fowlkes from Mountain Union accepted seats.

The Pastor and Deacons of Zionville church were appointed a committee on Religious Exercises.

Time Place and Preacher—W. J. Pennell, A. J. Shull, W. S. Farthing.

Finance—I. G. Greer, D. C. Mast, Smith Hagaman.

Queries—Win. Elrod, W. S. Farthing, J. F. Eller.

John McBride read the report on

PERIODICALS.

It is a fact that good food is necessary for the mind as for the body. What we read while young influences the remainder of our lives. Therefore, we should be very careful the kind of literature we select for our children to read. All trashy literature should be taken out of the home and such papers as the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, Home and Foreign Mission Journal should be taken.

Let us urge upon our people that they make a more thorough study of the Bible, as we believe all questions to be rightly settled must be settled by God's plain command rather than by world conferences of all denominations.

Respectfully, R. C. Eggers, John McBride.

The report was discussed by John McBride who said, Let us see that all our literature is sound, and does not compromise our distinctive principles.

Henry Glenn said, Be careful of the nets set by other people.

Smith Hagaman said: "The reading man is the leading man; the reading church is the leading church."

J. F. Eller said he would not think of doing without the Recorder.

J. J. L. Sherwood said there never will be any union of denominations until there is a union of principles.

The report was further discussed by G. W. Trivett and L. C. Wilson and others, and adopted.

The Clerk read the report on

TEMPERANCE.

Scientific research has demonstrated that alcohol is a narcotic poison, destructive and degenerating to the human organism, and that its distribution as a beverage lays a staggering economic burden upon the shoulders of the people, lowers to an appalling degree the average standard of character of our citizenship, thereby undermining the public morals and the foundation of our free institutions, produces wide spread crime, pauperism and insanity, inflicts disease and untimely death upon hundreds of thousands of citizens and blights with degeneracy their children unborn, and threatens the future integrity and life of the nation.

All nations now realize these facts and the war on whiskey has never before won such signal triumphs.

Witness the states that have gone dry; and the marvelous sweep of the prohibition movement into our national capital. Witness the

barring of strong drink from the battle-fields of Europe and the passage of prohibition in Russia.

There are eighteen of these U. S. which have prohibition. Others are on the highway to prohibition.

The last legislature of N. C. greatly strengthened our law. Yet, there is much to be done; the fight is not over. Public sentiment must be aroused so that no officer of the law will neglect his sworn duty in enforcing the law.

We notice with pleasure the fact that the present sheriff of Wat-
auga county is persistent and untiring in his efforts to destroy blind
tigers. We as Baptists propose to face the world four square on this
great cause of temperance and pledge our hearty support to the pro-
hibition movement untill the the great curse is driven from the land.

Wm. Elrod, W. Y. Perry, Com.

Report discussed by Wm. Elrod and W. Y. Perry and adopted.

The Com. on Religious Exercises reports W. E. Grimsley to preach
at 11 a. m. tomorrow G. W. Trivett to conduct devotional exercises
in the morning. Roby Eggers of the Com. on Hospitality announces
homes for the Messengers during the session.

Benediction by Bro. Grimsley.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUG. 25.

The congregation assembled to the singing of "When the Roll is
called up Yonder," after which G. W. Trivett read the 39th Psalm.

Prayer by George Sherrill.

A number of the brethren recited precious Scriptures.

Another prayer was offered, A. Roten leading.

The association was called to order at 9 a. m.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Called roll of messengers and erased names of absentees.

On motion passed from report on Orphauage to next item.

Smith Hagaman read the report on

STATE MISSIONS.

Eighty-four years ago when the Baptists of the State first organized
themselves to give the gospel to every community in every section
of the State, we had a membership of only 15,000.

We now have in our borders 400,000.

This tremendous growth is due in a large measure to to this com-
prehensive State Mission policy, as the figures show.

State Missionary effort, for the last several years, has been large-
ly, along three well defined lines, namely: To give the gospel to
destitute sections, and sections where they have it not as we believe
it, in the Eastern part of the State.

2nd. To Cotton Mill towns in the Piedmont section, and, 3rd, To
the enlistment and development of the great hosts of Baptists of the
Western part of the State who are taking little, and in many instan-
ces no part, in the extention of the Kingdom of Christ.

Last year there were 161 Missionaries laboring in the territory of 41
associations. These Missionaries baptized last year, 2,469 converts;
organized 321 Sunday schools, with an enrollment of 31,275.

These State Missionaries received last year an average salary of \$237.00 each.

There is now being thrust upon us a new feature of State Mission work which will be more fully realized in the near future.

One of the inevitable results of the European war will be to send great hordes of foreigners to this country. They are already coming to North Carolina. Most of these will come without Christ, and with distorted views of religion and government. These must be met with the gospel.

Another extreme need of large State missionary effort now is the fact that our Foreign missionary work will be strong in proportion to the strength of our base of supply, both in men and means.

No nation can maintain a great army and fight great battles that does not have a strong home supply from which to draw, in both men and money. But over all, and under all, lies that most sacred *personal* obligation that you cannot shift to the hands of another

G. P. Sherrill.

Millard Hagaman read the report on

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission work began with the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention, seventy years ago.

The history of the work of the Home Board since its organization has been one of steady progress. And notwithstanding the disturbed financial condition of our country the last year's work has been one of the most glorious in its history. Every field has seemed to have the special favor of God.

Far beyond any previous year's record the department of Evangelism has had a harvest of souls truly inspiring. The 27 evangelists with their helpers reporting 12,673 baptisms, and a total of 17,057 additions to the churches.

The Home Board, by co-operating with the State Mission work in the different States has been pressing the work along the line of helping and enlisting many weak churches to become active in work.

Very gratifying results have been reported for the two years the board has been working along these lines, proving the wisdom of establishing this department.

The department of Mountain Schools of which Dr. A. E. Brown has been Superintendent since its beginning, has had in operation last year thirty-four schools in the mountain section of Virginia, Ky. N. C., Tenn., S. C., Ga., and Ala., with an enrollment of 5,281. Ten of the 34 are located in North Carolina.

The Home Board is doing mission work among foreigners, Indians and Negroes. It also has missionaries in Cuba and the Canal Zone, all of which report good results last year and all of which are offering opportunities for larger work than has yet been done.

The prospects for the future are very great. The vast tide of foreign emigration, checked to some extent by the great European conflict only to roll in upon us with greater volume than ever when the war is over.

Also, the open and more receptive attitude of the nations of the world for the Gospel, necessitating drafts upon us for men and money for the work throughout the world, all make it urgent that we make greater effort than ever before to do the work our Lord has commanded.

J. M. Payne, Millard Hagaman, Com.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

No missionary program is complete until it includes the whole world.

Southern Baptists have extended their operation into the papal fields Argentina, Brazil, Italy and Mexico, and into the pagan countries of Africa. China and Japan.

We have now on the fields 300 missionaries, supported by Baptists aided by 635 native helpers.

We have 380 churches with a membership of 30,000 in these different lands.

These missionaries baptized last year 5,252 converts; and conducted 2,271 Sunday-schools with 22,022 scholars.

The churches of the Southern Baptist Convention gave last year to their foreign work \$587,458 for current support; and in addition \$104,042 for the Judson Centennial Fund.

Notwithstanding the European war which has effected the entire world, this has been an advance over any previous year, both in work and results, which certainly should be very gratifying.

Another very gratifying feature of the work is the liberal support which the native Christians are giving the work.

The per capita contributions by Southern Baptists for all objects, including church expenses, is \$5.05.

The per capita gift of the Chinese is	-	\$3.95
“ “ Japan	-	\$2.03
“ “ Brazil	-	\$5.72
“ “ Argentina	-	\$4.79

Many of the churches are now self-supporting.

Try to realize, as far as possible, that the most stupendous fact about foreign mission effort today is its urgency. The world has really waked up. Eyes are open everywhere. The spirit of inquiry is found in every corner of the globe. The golden moment for really large effort has arrived. The situation in all nations is extraordinary. Nothing but extraordinary effort will meet it. We can do our part of this. God will be pleased with nothing less. What will you do? God is talking to you. You can understand his plain language if you will.

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Smith Hagaman, John Sherrill.

I. C. Miller said I am gratified at the reading of the report on State missions.

J. M. Payne emphasized the question, are we doing our part?

W. S. Farthing discussed at length the question of missions saying in part, If we do not do our duty we endanger our own civilization and christianity and that is our indispensable duty to civilize, christianize and utilize all people in our territory.

J. H. Farthing read some scriptures relative to missions, offering some remarks on, what is Jesus' will concerning what we do.

E. J. Farthing said: we should not neglect the latter part of the Great Commission, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded," as that is what makes Baptists.

Smith Hagaman said that no man could misunderstand the will of

Jesus Christ on the question of missions. He further said: no church has ever been against missions without dying.

John Norris said I fear for the Three Forks association.

John Eller discussed the importance of missions, especially, What am I going to do?

Archibald Johnson, Editor of Charity and Children, reported as a visitor from the Orphanage.

T. L. Day. Moderator of Stony Fork association announced himself.

G. W. Brown, also from Stony Fork, announced himself

The discussion of missions was continued by I. C. Miller.

Archibald Johnson said the Bible never divided missions as it is all linked together but a man had to be more unselfish to be a Foreign missionary than either State or Home missions.

Reports on missions adopted.

A motion prevailed to take a recess until 1 o'clock p.m.

The congregation assembled in the grove near by and heard a sermon from R. E. Grimsley from the text: "It is finished," after which Jesus Lover of my Soul was sung. Benediction by I.C. Miller.

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EVENING SESSION.

The congregation re-assembled to the singing of Amazing Grace, and Grace, 'tis a Charming Sound.

Smith Hagaman read the report on

ORPHANAGE.

Our Orphanage is the keystone in the arch of Christian service.

Love for the Orphanage among our brethren is intense, but not universal. The great need is to lay upon the heart of every church and Sunday school the Orphanage obligation.

Owing to the large advance made during the past year, the Orphanage is heavily in debt and paying large interest on borrowed money, which goes to the banks instead of to the children.

It is proposed that the income of one day be set aside at, or near, Thanksgiving day for the Orphanage, which would pay all the indebtedness. We would ask every member of this association to give the proceeds of one day's labor to the Orphanage.

Every Sunday school ought to set apart one Sunday in each month to give its members an opportunity to contribute to the Orphanage, and also take a club of Charity and Children. The paper gives a good dividend to the Orphanage.

During the 30 years of continued growth the institution has sheltered 1600 boys and girls, and the present number is 500—450 at Thomsville and 50 at Kenedy Home—at an average cost of \$113.28 per child, aggregating an annual cost of \$56,640.

Your Committee recommend:

1. A liberal Thanksgiving offering.
2. That every S. S. set aside one Sunday in each month for an Orphanage collection.
3. That every S. S. take a club of Charity and Children.

E. J. Farthing, E. J. Norris, Com.

Leave of absence was granted by association to messengers from Stony Fork church.

Archibald Johnson spoke to the above report, followed by L. C. Wilson and G. P. Sherrill who said: The Lord will have his own, whether you give it or not.

Report adopted.

By request of D. C. Mast, Millard Hagaman was added to the committee on Digest of Letters.

W. S. Farthing read the report on

7 PASTORAL SUPPORT.

It would seem that enough has been read and spoken in the Three Forks association in the last 25 years to insure an ample support of every pastor of every church, but such has not been the result.

We find from the Minutes of the 1914 session of the Three Forks association that 34 churches report an aggregate of \$1912.15 paid to their pastors for last year, an average of \$56 for each church, which is not sufficient to enable any minister to give himself unreservedly to pastoral work. We have some liberal laymen who come up nobly to the help of the pastors, but the trouble is, there is too great a percentage of our members that do nothing in this department of church work.

Now if it is the duty of churches to support their pastors, it is the duty of every member to assist in the same.

The Scriptures are so plain on this subject that none need be in error, and no church member can be excusable for the neglect of this important duty, for we believe that no Christian can read the epistle of Paul to the ancient churches and be ignorant of his duty in this particular.

We believe it would greatly facilitate the work if there were an understanding between church and pastor as to what amount would be sufficient for his support, and also an understanding with every member as to what part of that amount he will pay.

A strong effort should be made to enlist every member of every church in the work of supporting his pastor. W. S. Farthing }

Respectfully, Will H. McGuire } Com

The above report was discussed by W. S. Farthing, who said: We need a method as we are doing our business in a haphazard way.

John McBride said: There is nothing like a system.

The Com. on Religious Exercises reported J. M. Payne to preach at the stand at this hour. Bro. G. P. Sherrill to conduct devotional exercises tomorrow morning, and J. J. L. Sherwood to preach at 11.

The discussion of above report was continued by Smith Hagaman and John Norris. Also, the Moderator said: The best method to get every man to do his duty is to adopt the Bible method,—Lay by in store on the first day of the week as the Lord has prospered him.

Report is adopted.

Mrs. Rose Fuller read the report on

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY WORK.

Of all the many new things that the women of the present are doing, the mission work is

more especially woman's own than any other work unless it be the Red Cross work which is in its truest sense a mission work. 8

Wherever the gospel is preached freedom and enlightenment have come to women. Surely we women who enjoy the greatest freedom of any women of the world, should be the ones to reach out a helping hand to our benighted sisters in heathen lands who without christianity are in darkness.

It has been proven that there is no better way to accomplish any work than by organization. The W. M. U. is an organization of Baptist women of the Southern Bap. convention giving of their money and working in God's service for the spreading of His gospel at home and away. Each State of the Southern Baptist Convention has its own distinctive work. The good Baptist women of N. C. through organized work of the W. M. U. have accomplished much, and with God's help expect to accomplish more.

In the Three Forks asso. there are only three W. M. U. But thru the efforts of a few good women and the help of the Lord much good has been done. The three Unions of this asso. have accomplished the following during this year:—Foreign Missions, \$16.00; Home Missions \$22.20; State Missions \$16.00; Other objects \$33.40; Sunbeam Band of Blowing Rock \$7.25; Total \$94.85.

We realize the fact that the ministers and laymen of this asso. do not appreciate the organized efforts of the W. M. U.

This asso. will never come into the full possession of the powers of best service until there is a W. M. U. in every church in this association.

Mrs. Selmer Fuller.

The Treasurer read his report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received for Orphanage.....	\$ 66.26
“ State Board.....	109.90
“ Gospel Missions.....	61.86
“ John Crisp.....	5.55
“ Minute Fund.....	32.23
In Treasurer's hands from 1914.....	2.52
Total, - - -	\$278.32

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Orphanage.....	\$67.09
“ Walters Durham:	
“ Foreign Missions.....	54.71
“ Home Missions.....	23.67
“ State Missions.....	31.52
“ Gospel Missions, T. L. Blalock,.....	61.59
“ Will H. McGuire printing & mailing Minutes.....	24.71
“ Smith Hagaman, Clerk of Association,.....	7.50
“ Treasurer for postage,.....	.78
“ John Crisp.....	5.55
Bal in Treasurer's hands.....	1.20
Total, - - -	\$278.32

W. Y. Perry, Treasurer.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks association met on Wednesday Aug 25, and was called to order by the Pres. Mrs. R. M. Greene. Our former Vice Pres., Miss Rosedna Brown

having sent in her resignation, Mrs D. F. Horten was appointed to take her place with Mrs. Jack Johnson asst.

Owing to the shortness of time the general program prepared was omitted.

Mrs. R. M. Greene, Pres.

[Inserted by request.]

Mrs. J. M. Moretz, Sec.

Report adopted.

Treasurer's report was adopted, and on motion of L. W. Farthing W. Y. Perry was appointed Treasurer for the next year.

Smith Hagaman read the report on

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday school work has grown to enormous proportions.

There are now more than thirty million people in the Sunday schools of the world.

We are gratified to see a very noticable improvement in the Sunday school work in our association through the year past. One of these is, that there is now no church in this association that does not have a Sunday school.

Another result of our efforts has been the improvement in the efficiency of the work. Better teachers are to be found in most of the schools. This increased efficiency has had the effect of raising the Sunday school work to the dignity of its position, so that no informed man can any longer feel that it is a place for children, only, but that it commands the best efforts of the best informed men and women of the country; so that now the Sunday school work is becoming an agency for real information and enlightenment; a place where our people can get safe and intelligent interpretation of the Scripture. Notwithstanding the advancement, there are some things, yet badly needed. First: we still have a few Sunday-schools running six or nine months only in the year. These ought to be made evergreen. Second: many of our teachers yet, need to better prepare themselves by using such helps as the Baptist Teacher &c., and last but by no means least, ALL our preachers, superintendents and teachers should emphasize more the spiritual or worshiping side of the Sunday-school work.

Geo. Roten, J. F. Eller, Com.

The report was discussed by W. Y. Perry who said, The Sunday-school is a good place for us to get the information which we all need.

L. C. Wilson said, We all need the Sunday-school in our churches to develop them.

E. J. Norris said, Get every church member to know his duty and there is no better place to do this than the Sunday-school.

The discussion was continued by H. L. Greene who said, Nearly all the additions to the church come from the Sunday-school.

Alex Wilson said, The Sunday-school is the planting place.

John McBride said, You cannot interest everybody in everything.

Report adopted.

C. S. Farthing read the report on

EDUCATION.

The Three Forks Association is able to build and run a Baptist school. Upon this depends, to some degree at least, the kind of men and women the children in her territory will be. The home and the church do not supply all the needs of a child; every child needs the advantage of the training of a Christian school.

The Christian school, like the Christian home, is the place of loving service, of interested, and purposeful loving service. The school is the place where broadening information is imparted. The Christian school is the place where this broadening information is imparted so as to make it the kindler of spiritual life rather than the dwarf-er of it. The Christian school stands for constant mental application the end of which is the ability to think, to think clearly, rightly, and cleanly. The Christian school stands for proportionate development of man in his three constituent elements, physical, mental, spiritual. No other school can or does stand for this threefold development. The State school stands for the development of the man physically and mentally, but has no ministry for his spiritual nature. It leaves him, at best, but two-thirds of a man, and since the spiritual is the higher and the more important, we can with justice say that the higher product of the secular school cannot even be so much as two-thirds of a man; but the Christian school, standing for all parts of man, for his symmetrical and proportionate development as does God can work in harmony with God, strike blow in keeping with the blow of God, draw lines by the side of the lines of God, give suggestions that are in harmony with the purpose and plan of God, and when the work is done the finished product will be the highest type of man. The Christian school stands for the right philosophy of life. Those who pass through its hands, who graduate from its halls, and who bear its diplomas, know something at least of the purpose of the divine character for the placing of the individual life here upon earth, and they are prepared to work in harmony with God in the days of life.

C. S. Farthing, Alex. Hagaman.

Report adopted.

By motion a letter of dismission was given to Pleasant Valley church to join Avery County association.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by L. C. Wilson.

Benediction by C. S. Farthing.

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THURSDAY MORNING, Aug. 26, 1915.

The congregation assembled to the singing of Down at the Cross.

Bro. Sherrill read the 8th ch. of Deut. Prayer by A. Roten.

A motion prevailed to suspend the regular order of business and hear the report of Com. on

QUERIES.

Read by Wm. Elrod.

Query 1. Is it right for a church to exclude a member because he demands possession of his property as the law directs? Ans. No.

Query 2. Is it good discipline to exclude a member from the church when only two voted for his exclusion, the church numbering 30?

Ans. Yes; provided no members present are debarred from voting.

Query 3. Is it right to disfranchise the sisters and keep them from voting? Ans. No.

Wm. Elrod, W. S. Farthing, J. F. Eller.

Query 4. Is it right or scriptural for Baptist ministers to hold union meetings with pedo-baptist ministers and baptize candidates into the fellowship of so-called pedobaptist churches?

Ans. No; and it is decidedly unbaptistic.

Query 5. Can we correspond or allow members of our association to sit in bodies that hold ministers that are guilty of such practices as are set forth in query No. 1? [No. 4?] Ans. No.

Report as read, adopted.

A letter was read to the association from J.C. Shull and wife, asking that the association investigate their exclusion from Shulls Mills church. A motion prevailed to appoint a committee to investigate, and report at this session. The chair appointed Geo. Roten, Alex. Greene, W. H. Eller, who retired immediately to investigate the subject.

On motion appointed a committee to prepare a letter to Avery Co. association and notify that body of the action taken by this body as to correspondence. Com. are Smith Hagaman and Wm. Elrod.

Whitfield Farthing read the report on

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OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

To the old pioneer preachers of the gospel we are indebted for our civilization as well as our Christianization as to no other class of people. A number of these old men preached without a support and consequently, have nothing in their declining days.

Several years ago there was appointed by the Baptist State Convention, a Board or Committee, whose duty it is to collect moneys for the support, or partial support, of these old preachers. This Board, or Committee, gives its services without any compensation whatever. We would be ungrateful to these old preachers and recreant to the trust that God has reposed in us as His Stewards should we neglect to give them the comforts of life, while they linger on the border land. Messengers: See to it that your church has at least one collection this year for this cause.

L. W. Farthing, L. A. Wilson, Com.

L. W. Farthing and G. P. Sherrill spoke to the above report.

W. S. Farthing said: The U. S. government is better to its Judicial officers who are retired than the Baptists are to their worn out ministers. John Norris continued the discussion. Report adopted.

A. J. Shull read the report on

TIME and PLACE.

We your committee on Time and Place submit the following:

Time, Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August, 1916.

Place, Stony Fork, 14 miles east of Boone.

J. F. Eller to preach the annual sermon, L. C. Wilson, alternate.

W. S. Farthing, A. J. Shull, J. W. Pennell, Com.

Millard Hagaman read the report on

DIGEST of LETTERS.

We find from the 38 churches of the association that we had 195 baptisms; received by letter 62; restored 38.

Lost by letter 109; excluded 54; deaths 25.

Membership: Males 1,798, Females 2,385, Total 4,183.

Contributions to the following objects as follows:

Pastors' Salaries \$2,043.52; building and repairs \$324; incidentals \$127.34; Sunday school ex. \$257.39; poor \$102.04; minute fund \$34.02; associational missions \$13.58; State missions \$117.64; Home missions \$94.62; Foreign missions \$271.13; S. S. missions \$2.00; Orphanage \$340.06; Ministerial education \$3.36; Ministerial relief 26.79; Other objects \$198.52; Value of church property \$24,550.

Cool Springs church asks for next session of the association.

Pleasant Valley Church asks for a letter of dismissal to unite with Avery County association. Respectfully submitted.

D. C. Mast, Millard Hagaman, Com.

Report adopted.

A one-minute talk was made by a messenger from all the churches who report a gradual gain along all lines of work.

The Colporteur read his report, which was adopted.

REPORT of COLPORTEUR.

Your Colporteur begs leave to report as follows: I have sold between forty and fifty dollars worth of books. I have travelled about between 200 and 300 miles, visited many families for religious conversation and prayer, preached several sermons. I have several dollars in books and cash on hand to the amount of fifty-three or a little more. What good has been done eternity alone will disclose.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. L. Sherwood.

L. W. Farthing moved that J. J. L. Sherwood be continued as Colporteur. Motion prevailed.

John Norris reported that he visited Avery Co. association.

J. H. Farthing visited Watauga and Avery Co. associations.

L. C. Wilson visited Watauga and Holston associations.

C. S. Farthing visited Ashe association.

W. S. Farthing and J. J. T. Reese visited Watauga association.

J. M. Payne visited Stony Fork association.

L. C. Wilson read the report on

NOMINATIONS.

Member State Mission Board—Smith Hagaman.

Executive Committee—T. P. Adams. Wm. Elrod, G. P. Hagaman, John McBride, and I. G. Greer.

Associational Vice-Pres. Foreign Mission Board—W. S. Farthing.

Sunday School Secretary—Millard Hagaman.

To Southern Baptist Convention—Smith Hagaman.

To Baptist State Convention—J. H. Farthing, D. C. Mast, and D. D. Dougherty.

To Ashe association—Asa Brown, C. S. Farthing, Ira Duncan & I. C. Miller.

Caldwell association—Wm. Elrod, John Carlton, and J. D. Brown.

To Avery association—L. W. Farthing and John Norris.

To Mitchell association—Henry Glenn, W. J. Farthing.

Watauga association—R. L. Palmer, W. S. Farthing, J. J. T. Reese, J. F. Eller and Smith Hagaman.

To Stony Fork association—E. J. Norris, L. A. Wilson, J. M. Payne, A. J. Shull and J. F. Eller.

L. C. Wilson, D. A. Green, Com.

Report adopted.

Standing Committees were announced by the Moderator. [Their names appear further on in the Minutes].

L. W. Farthing moved to take a recess till 1 o'clock to hear a sermon by the Moderator.

The congregation assembled in the grove to the singing of "Will there be any stars in my crown?"

J. J. L. Sherwood read a part of the 8th chap. of Romans and led in prayer. Senter Younce led in singing The Sweet Bye and Bye.

Bro. Sherwood announced as his text: Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. His theme: the unchanging Christ.

After the sermon, John Norris led in prayer. The congregation sang, All hail the Power of Jesus Name, etc. Benediction by Mod.

EVENING SESSION, Last day.

The congregation reassembled to the singing of "When I can read my titles clear."

Called to order by the Moderator.

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Smith Hagaman read the report of Com. on

FINANCE.

We your Committee on Finance have received from the churches the following:

For Minute fund,	\$ 35.27
“ State Missions,	24.15
“ Home “	18.98
“ Foreign “	45.76
“ Orphanage,	62.50
“ T. L. Blalock,	18.02
“ Associational Missions,	1.00
“ Sunday School Missions,	1.00
“ Ministerial Relief,	4.18
Total,	<u>\$210.86</u>

D. C. Mast, I. G. Greer, Smith Hagaman, Com.

Table of Statistics.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	P. O.	CLERKS	P. O.	Time of Preaching	Value of Ch. Property	Received by Baptism	By Letter	Restored	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Died	No. of Males	No. Females	Total Membership
Antioch	W. Swift	Reese	N. C.	W J Farthing,	Watanga Falls	1000	0	1	0	3	2	0	66	79	145
Bethel	J H Farthing	Sweet Water	"	W S Farthing	Sweet Water	4		2	1	8	1		62	79	141
Beaver Dam	"	"		John Sherrill	Reese	1	400	6	2	2	1		86	63	149
Bethany	G W Trivett	Sugar Grove		J L Triplett	Matney	3	500	5		1	1		27	33	60
Beech Mtn	David Greene	Beech Creek		H J McGuire	Whaley	1	500	11	2	3	1	2	94	114	208
Boone	J M Payne	Boone		W R Gragg	Boone	2&4	300	9	1	8	1		50	56	106
Blowing Rock	"	"		E G Minton	Blowing Rock	1	1200	14	4	1			49	77	126
Brushy Fork	"	"		J H Presnell	Vilas	2	1000	4	3	2	2		74	84	158
Cove Creek	"	"		D C Mast	Sugar Grove	3	1000	5	4	2			45	68	113
Cool Springs	J F Eller	Vilas		Q B Cannon	Blowing Rock	4	500	9	2	3	2	1	56	69	125
Clarks Creek	Noah Hampton	Blowing Rock		Joel Eggers	Banner Elk	3	400	3	4	1	1		13	27	40
Elk Knob	W H Mikeal	Trade Tenn		J M South	Tamarack	1	400	10	1	1	9		40	52	92
Elk Valley	R L Palmer	Beech Creek		J A Norman	Hale	4	500	2	3	5	1		42	50	92
Fall Creek	"	"		B W Farthing	Hale	2	300	5					27	18	45
Flat Springs	D A Greene	Whaley		A J Greene	Dark Ridge	4	1000	12	1				45	41	86
Forest Grove	L A Wilson	Zionville		Mil. Hagaman	Vilas	3	700	5		1	2	2	61	88	149
Gap Creek	Asa Brown	Riverside		G A Hopkins	Hopkins	1	550	9	1				42	54	96
Howards Creek	E M Gragg	Vilas		E J Norris	Sands	4	500		2	1			17	48	65
Laurel Springs	D O Ray	Lenoir		H L Greene	Hopkins	4	800	12	2	8	6	1	66	115	181
Laurel Knob	C S Farthing	Sugar Grove		G S Holman	Baldwin	2	600		2				21	27	48
Meat Camp	I C Miller	Stony Fork		L A Greene	Sands	3	750		2				52	89	141
Mt Gillead	J F Eller	Vilas		R L Phillips	Beech Creek	3	1500		2				35	45	80
Mt Lebanon	"	"		H M Bumgarner	Vilas	2	850	19	2	4	3		32	66	98
Middle Fork	L C Wilson	Sugar Grove		A J Shull	Blowing Rock	1	600	6	6	3	2		42	48	90

Mt Calvary	J H Farthing	Sweet Water	J D Shook	Balm	1	800	11	1	5	1	40	81	121
Pleasant Grove	L A Wilson	Zionville	J R Isaacs	Mabel	4	600	16	5	4	1	82	127	209
Pleasant Valley	W M Cannon	Elk Park	John Cannon	Elk Park	4	250	5		3	2	64	83	147
Rich Mountain	W Swift	Reese	L E Beach	Zionville	2	400			1	1	24	37	61
South Fork	L A Wilson	Zionville	Will H McGuire	Brookside	2	1000	2	1	7	5	45	59	104
Shulls Mills	B F Wilcox	Shulls Mills	J M Day	Shulls Mills	4	500			3	5	10	14	24
Stony Fork	I C Miller	Stony Fork	A A Hamby	Stony Fork	2	1000	1		7	1	101	94	195
Sampson	T S Robbins	Buffalo Cove	J L Hawkins	Blowing Rock	2	100			1	2	36	37	73
Three Forks	J C Carlton	Boone	J C Brown	Boone	2	250			6	2	41	64	105
Timb'rd Ridge	J F Eller	Vilas	W L Greene	Sugar Grove	1	561			3	2	22	37	59
Union	G W Trivett	Sugar Grove	W M Thomas	Mabel	1	600	3	5	2	3	59	89	148
Willow Dale	"	"	W E Dugger	Vilas	4	250			1	2	29	39	68
Zionville	L A Wilson	Zionville	R C Eggers	Zionville	1	800	9	1	2	10	54	86	140
Zion Hill	G W Trivett	Sugar Grove	E F Tester	Rominger	2	800	10	1	4	3	46	48	94

J. L. Hayes read the report on

RESOLUTIONS.

1. Whereas our denominational life depends upon our right attitude towards evangelism; and Whereas there has been so much doubt and suspicion shown among many of our churches with reference to mission work, that many of the brethren and churches, once missionary, have been driven into doubt, and from doubt to opposition to mission work.

Resolved therefore, That the Pastors of this association consider the extreme necessity of trying to save this association the deadly effect of this tide of antissionism that is growing in many places among our people.

Resolved 2. That it is the opinion of this association that our pastors and preachers should get together at least once a year, for a week's study and discussion of the many questions relative to their work.

Resolved 3. That this association most heartily thank this church and community for their generous hospitality extended to us during this session of our Association.

Resolved 4. That this Association extend to the out-going Clerk our most profound thanks for the many years of efficient and faithful service as an officer of this Association.

J. L. Hayes, Com.

Whereas, there is dissention and strife among some of the churches and brethren arising from these so-called union meetings: Be it

Resolved, That we advise our ministers and members to abstain from holding so-called union meetings, or affiliating with other denominations. Report adopted.

L. W. Farthing moved that the clerk be appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of minutes; and also allow him \$7.50 for his services. Motion prevailed.

A motion prevailed to add L. C. Wilson to the delegation to the Southern Baptist convention.

The Com. on the request of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shull, reported.

We your Com. on a letter presented from Bro. J. C. Shull and wife to the association in connection with the queries from Middle Fork church, find after investigation, no just cause for any grievance and we therefore recommend that your body appoint a com. to investigate the matter at the Shulls Mills church, and report at the next session of your body; and after investigation by the Com. if they find no just cause, we advise that they ask the church to recind the act and restore Bro. Shull and wife.

Geo. Roten, L. A. Greene, W. H. Eller, Com.

The Moderator appointed a committee composed of G. P. Sherrill, W. S. Farthing and T. P. Adams to investigate the matter and report at next session of the association.

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J. J. T. Reese read the report on

DUTIES of PASTORS to their CHURCHES.

If the Lord calls a man to the ministry and to be the pastor of churches, then it follows that He has a specific duty for that man to perform. That duty is to preach the preaching the Lord bids him preach. He is to declare the whole council of God. If he fails to do this, he has not preached as he was bidden, hence he has become an unfaithful minister. If the churches are not indoctrinated the fault lies principally with their pastors. Paul and others, we believe, indoctrinated the churches they set up. We are led to believe they considered this to be among the first duties.

It is said of Christ: "He taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in His doctrines" &c. If Jesus taught doctrine, should it not be taught today? We mention this more particularly because so many of our people object to doctrine preaching.

In Acts 20: 27 Paul says: "I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God." How can a man preach the gospel except he preach doctrine? If this is omitted, there remains nothing worthy of preaching,

We suppose that what the objectors mean is, they do not want anything said that antagonizes the beliefs of others but Paul said: "I have not shunned to declare it." We do not believe that it is required of Pastors to personate, or to intentionally reflect on the holdings of others in order to wound their feelings, but the preaching should be to reclaim, to warn the erring and to strengthen the church by pointing out the errors of others. Churches that have made the greatest and most substantial gains are churches that have repeatedly been taught the holdings of our belief—one Lord, one faith, one baptism,—that have discarded affiliations, nor given encouragement to other people.

The pastor should be a very busy man with his books and among his people over whom the Lord has made him overseer.

This warfare is great and strong—no time to rest or take vacations. The King's business demands haste. We sympathize with a pastor who wants to do his duty in his high calling; one who wants to preach a full gospel, but the people will not allow it. Many times he feels it a duty, but knowing the ridicule and falsehoods brought against him, he may shrink from that duty. He well knows that some churches will not allow it, but he should be faithful unto the end—that all alike should be strong in the faith.

J. J. T. Reese, J. H. Farthing, John Norris, Com.

Report was discussed by J. J. T. Reese, L. C. Wilson, W. S. Farthing, J. F. Eller, John Norris, Smith Hagaman, E. J. Farthing, Wm. Elrod, J. J. L. Sherwood. Report adopted.

L. C. Wilson moved that a committee be appointed to confer with the historian, J. C. Horton, and superintend the printing of a history of the Baptists in this territory.

Financial Table

CHURCHES

	Pastor's Salary	Building & Repairs	Incident-als.	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphan-age	Ministeri-al Relief	Other Objects	Total
Antioch	48.00	55.00	00.00	4.00	0.00	.90	0.00	00.00	2.46	3.65	0.00	00.00	114.01
Bethel	56.24		1.90	7.53		1.50	11.80	11.75	11.98	3.25	4.00	12.19	122.14
Beaver Dam	92.61		15.00	15.00		.70	13.36	12.00	89.30	7.38	2.71		248.06
Bethany	30.00			3.20		.50		.50	1.75	1.75			36.70
Reech Mtn	34.33	40.00		.95		1.25	1.97			3.00			81.50
Boone	175.00			40.49		1.50	13.10	3.28	13.07	69.53	4.45	12.94	333.36
Blowing Rock	75.00	50.00	10.00	32.00		1.00	1.84	4.61		10.73	1.36		172.70
Brushy Fork	71.20		4.00	10.00	50.00	1.40	1.31	1.29	11.93	33.59			173.22
Cove Creek	134.21	15.00	5.00	10.00		1.00	9.00	8.86	43.66	25.62		5.50	257.85
Cool Springs	100.00	12.00		5.00		1.25	2.65	2.67	3.12		1.72		146.01
Clarks Creek	15.00					.40				1.65		1.55	18.60
Elk Knob	15.05	5.00		2.42		.38				3.44			26.29
Elk Valley	29.99			6.00		1.00	1.26		1.26	5.00			42.01
Fall Creek	24.15	5.00		2.40		.50			2.00	3.65			37.70
Flat Springs	23.90			5.05		.75	2.00	2.00		2.00			35.70
Forest Grove	72.52	60.00	1.20	9.70	1.00	1.00	12.33	12.32	24.65	31.60	2.00	8.00	236.32
Gap Creek	28.45			2.06		1.00	1.00	1.29	1.00	2.78		35.36	73.94
Howards Creek	35.15		7.00	3.25		.75			3.00	1.56			50.71
Laurel Springs	95.00		7.50	6.66	18.96	1.50	8.56	4.56	5.23	9.61			195.52
Laurel Knob	20.00			2.89		.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		2.00	29.89
Meat Camp	45.00	8.60		4.18		1.15	2.18	2.18	2.18	6.15		1.25	73.32
Mt Gillead	28.65			2.50		.75	2.50		2.83	3.52			40.75
Mt Lebanon	44.12			.60		1.10		1.41	3.02	1.67		8.00	59.92

Middle Fork	101.29	9.00	1.00	5.80	5.80	3.60	44.32	9.00	179.81
Mt Calvary	76.02	5.20	.75	3.11	3.83	2.59	6.70	4.18	116.34
Pleasant Grove	100.00	12.00	1.33	.75	3.56	7.68	9.47	4.35	209.86
Pleasant Valley	30.00	5.00	1.00	1.00			5.92		41.92
Rich Mountain		4.20	.70	3.00			2.00		9.20
Stony Fork	40.00	4.00	1.60	1.65	1.70	1.65	2.30	21.88	74.78
South Fork	45.57	2.40	.70	4.43	4.43	4.43	5.63		70.29
Shulls Mills	20.	3.20	.45	1.			3.	4.25	31.70
Sampson	12.	1.26	.50						28.16
Three Forks	56.55	10.	1.	4.75	4.75	4.75	3.	12.15	111.45
Timb'rd Ridge	46.43	9.38	1.	7.48	4.39	6.26	18.31	202	95.27
Union	96.40	18.35	1.20				7.35		180.30
Willow Dale	38.55	9.20	5.75	1.05			6.45		79.60
Zionville	61.90	10.	1.55			15.	5.05	33.55	134.10
Zion Hill	25.76	1.87	.64				1.10		29.37

On motion adjourned to time and place.

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How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord, was sung.

Prayer was offered, W. S. Farthing leading. Benediction by Mod.

J. J. L. SHERWOOD, *Moderator*.

W. Y. PERRY, *Clerk*.

Officers of the Association

Moderator & Colporteur,	-	J. J. L. Sherwood,	Vilas, N. C.
Clerk & Treasurer,	- -	W. Y. Perry,	Vilas, N. C.
Historian,	- - -	J. C. Horton,	Boone, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

T. P. Adams, Wm. Elrod, G. P. Hagaman, John McBride,
I. G. Greer.

Associational Vice-Pres. Foreign Mission Board—W. S. Farthing.

Sunday School Secretary—Millard Hagaman.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Foreign Missions—J. M. Payne, G. P. Hagaman.

Home Missions—W. S. Farthing, Wm. Elrod.

State Missions—J. J. T. Reese, L. C. Wilson.

Education—Will H. McGuire, I. G. Greer.

Pastoral Support—George Roten, C. S. Farthing.

Temperance—L. W. Farthing, John Ward.

Sunday Schools—John Mast, T. P. Adams.

Books and Periodicals—John Norris, N. Hagaman.

Ministers' Relief—George Trivett, Roby Eggers.

Resolutions—Enoch Perry, John Eller.

Order of Business—W. Y. Perry, W. S. Farthing.

State of Churches—Alex. Greene, A. J. Greene.

On Nominations—Dayton Wilson, John McBride, Alex Hagaman.

Digest of Letters—Ira Duncan, Alex. Hagaman.

Duties of Pastors to their Churches—Will Proffit, John Jones.

TABLE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Church	Organization	President	P. O.	Missions	Orphanage	Training School.	Judson Centennial Fund.	Other Objects	No. Members
Boone	W. M. S.	Mrs G.P. Hagaman	Boone	29.50	18.00	0 00	0.00	30.00	24
Blowing R'k	Sunbeams	Rosedna Brown	Blowing R'k	16.40		1.00		.42	10
Cove Creek	W. M. S.	Mrs Martha Swift	Amantha	12.00		2.00	2 60		12

COUNTY ORGANIZATION

Vice President Three Forks Association, Mrs. D. F. Horton, Vilas, N. C.
Assistant Vice-Pres. " " " " Hattie Johnson, Sherwood, N. C.
Sec. & Treas. " " " " J. M. Moretz, Boone, N. C.

Roll of Messengers.

Antioch—L W Farthing.
Bethel—Alex Hagaman, E J Farthing, W S Farthing.
Beaver Dam—G P Sherrill, W J Hagaman, J R Wilson.
Bethany—Letter.
Beech Mountain—J C Mann, G W McGuire.
Boone—W R Gragg.
Blowing Rock—Letter.
Brushy Fork—L M Trivett.
Cove Creek—D F Horton, D C Mast, John McBride.
Cool Springs—J W Pennell, W C Payne, T S M Greene.
Clarks Creek—Joel Eggers.
Elk Knob—J M Brown, Roscoe Trivett, J M Vannoy.
Elk Valley—S G Lawrence, H M Horney, Don Riddles.
Fall Creek—Letter.
Flat Springs—Irvin Greene.
Forest Grove—Chas. Culver, Smith Hagaman, Millard Hagaman.
Gap Creek—G A Hopkins, Alonzo Miller, Floyd Yates.
Howards Creek—E J Norris, Wm Bumgarner, Thos Hayes.
Laurel Springs—Armfield Waters, H L Greene, Willie Greene.
Laurel Knob—R L Goodman, G S Holman.
Meat Camp—W T Proffit, Alex Greene.
Mt Gillead—R L Phillips, T M Stanbery.
Mt Lebanon—J W Greene, D S Love.
Middle Fork—A J Shull, Wm Elrod.
Mt Calvary—J C Greer, D B Miller, James Shoemaker.
Pleasant Grove—E H Perry, Smith Reece, T P Adams.
Pleasant Valley—J L Oakes, J M Hodges.
Rich Mountain—L E Beach, J A Penley, J M Parnell.
Stony Fork—A J Wellborn, W H Miller, J D Cook.
South Fork—I E Duncan, Will H McGuire, J S Brown.
Shulls Mills—J S Reed.
Sampson—J L Hawkins, W N Story, N M Harrison.
Three Forks—Letter.
Timbered Ridge—W H Eller, J Y Smitherman.
Union—Hiram Greene, Solomon Younce, H C Johnson.
Willow Dale—D C Dugger, John Norris.
Zion Hill—H A Hagaman, Henry Glenn.
Zionville—Landrine Eggers, Phillip Greer.

Sunday School Table

CHURCHES	SUPTS.	POST OFFICE	SECRETARY	P. O.	No. Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Mem. in S. S.	Months Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Antioch	W J Farthing	Watau. Falls	NC John Ward	Watauga Falls	1	6	78	84	99	12	00	4.00	0.00	.90	00.00	4.90
Bethel	E J Farthing	Sweet Water	"	Mattie Farthing	1	7	59	66	47	12		7.53			6.19	13.72
Beaver Dam	A J May	Reese	Myrtle Swift	Reese	1	9	60	75		12	6	15.00	34.25			49.25
Bethany	J E Watson	Hackett	Carrie Mikeal	Hackett	1	6	52	58		12	4	3.20	1.25			4.45
Reech Mtn	G W McGuire	Dark Ridge	W C Church	Dark Ridge	1	3	40	43	24	6		.95				.95
Boone	W R Gragg	Boone			1	7	80	87		12			3.28	7.52	22.69	40.49
Blowing Rock	J M Hodges	Blowing Rock	Kat. Holshouser	Blowing Rock	1	8	82	90		12	7	32.00	4.60			36.60
Brushy Fork	J F Wilson	Vilas	Bessie Trivett	Vilas	2	12	90	102		12	2	10.00				10.00
Cove Creek	W F Sherwood	Sherwood	Mrs Mary Perry	Vilas	1	9	96	105	47	12	1	10.00	3.86	15.00		28.86
Cool Springs	J W Pennell	Boone	Virgie Cannon	Blowing Rock	1	5	45	50	20	12		5.00	14.80			19.80
Clarks Creek	G W Byrd	Banner Elk	Chas Lawrence	Banner Elk	1	5	16	21	15	6	3					
Elk Knob	J M Vannoy	Ashland	Osa South	Tamarack	1	7	30	37		6	5					
Elk Valley	H M Horney	Hale	J A Norman	Hale	1	6	50	56		12	2					
Fall Creek	M W Story	"	Ethel Parlier	Whaley	1	5	32	37	26	12	5	2.60	3.65			6.05
Flat Springs	Ervin Greene	Whaley	S M Greene	"	1	7	60	67		12		5.05	1.23			6.28
Forest Grove	B C Haganan	Vilas	Maud Roark	Vilas	1	9	130	139	70	12	4	9.70	31.60			41.30
Gap Creek	A R Yates	Hopkins	A C Miller	Hopkins	1	5	38	43	23	6	6	2.06				2.06
Howards Creek	E J Norris	Sands	Alice Greene	Sands	1	5	67	72	18	12		3.25				3.25
Laurel Springs	H L Greene	Hopkins	Ora Brown	Virgil	2	13	110	123	41	6	5	6.66				6.66
Laurel Knob	G S Holman	Baldwin	Clay Worley	Baldwin	1	8	42	50	30	12		2.89				2.89
Meat Camp	L A Greene	Sands	W W Norris	Sands	1	12	111	123		12			6.15			6.15
Mt Gilead	Smith Eggers	Beech Creek	Martha Younce	Beech Creek	1	5	40	45	25	9		3.50	3.52			6.02
Mt Lebanon	J Y Love	Vilas	Phebe Hartley	Valle Crucis	1	8	55	63	36	8						

Middle Fork	Robert Shores	Blowing Rock	A J Shull	Blowing Rock	1	7	66	73	12			
Mt Calvary	J C Chappell	Balm	Annie Greene	Balm	1	6	59	65	48	12	11	5.20
Pleasant Grove	A L Wilson	Zionville	Susie Isaacs	Zionville	1	11	82	93	12	16	12.00	
Pleasant Valley	John Cannon	Elk Park	C L Hodges	Haton	1	5	40	45	20	6	5.00	1.14
Rich Mountain	W A Pennell	Zionville	A A Pennington	Zionvill	1	6	43	49	15	12	4.20	4.20
Stony Fork	Mrs J D Cock	Stony Fork	Julia Wellborn	Stony Fork	1	11	124	135	6		2.30	6.30
South Fork	J S Brown	Riverside	W F Norris	Brookside	1	8	48	56	6		1.55	4.25
Shulls Mills	P E Herman	Shull Mills	Emma Brown	Shulls Mills	1	6	60	66	16	12	3.20	3.20
Sampson	J L Hawkins	Blowing Rock	Mabel Hawkins	Blowing Rock	1	5	40	45	15	8	1.26	1.26
Three Forks	L N Perkins	Boone	Bertha Greene	Horton	1	7	45	52	6		4.50	4.50
Timb'rd Bidge	W H Eller	Leander	Clara Greene	Leander	1	6	66	72-31	12		18.31	27.69
Union	Sol. Younce	Mabel	Mollie Burkett	Mabel	1	10	110	120	60	12	2	7.00
Willow Dale	J W Blair	Vilas	Mrs Annie Blair	Vilas	1	8	60	68	12		7.35	14.35
Zionville	R C Eggers	Zionville	W C Greer	Zionville	1	7	58	65	45	12	8	3.75
Zion Hill	M P Edmisten	Beech Creek	Henry Hagaman	Beech Creek	1	6	62	68	28	6	4	7.00

Ordained Ministers.

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C. S. Fartiing, " "	W. H. Mikeal, Trade Tenn.
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John Norris, " "	P. Herman, Shulls Mills "
I. C. Miller, Stony Fork "	W. M. Cannon, Elk Park "
John Crisp, Lenoir "	W. A. Braswell, Montezuma "
J. J. L. Sherwood, Vilas "	J. H. Farthing, Sweet Water "
John Eller, " "	James Bradshaw, Blowing R'k. "
I. J. McGinnis, " "	L. A. Wilson, Zionville "
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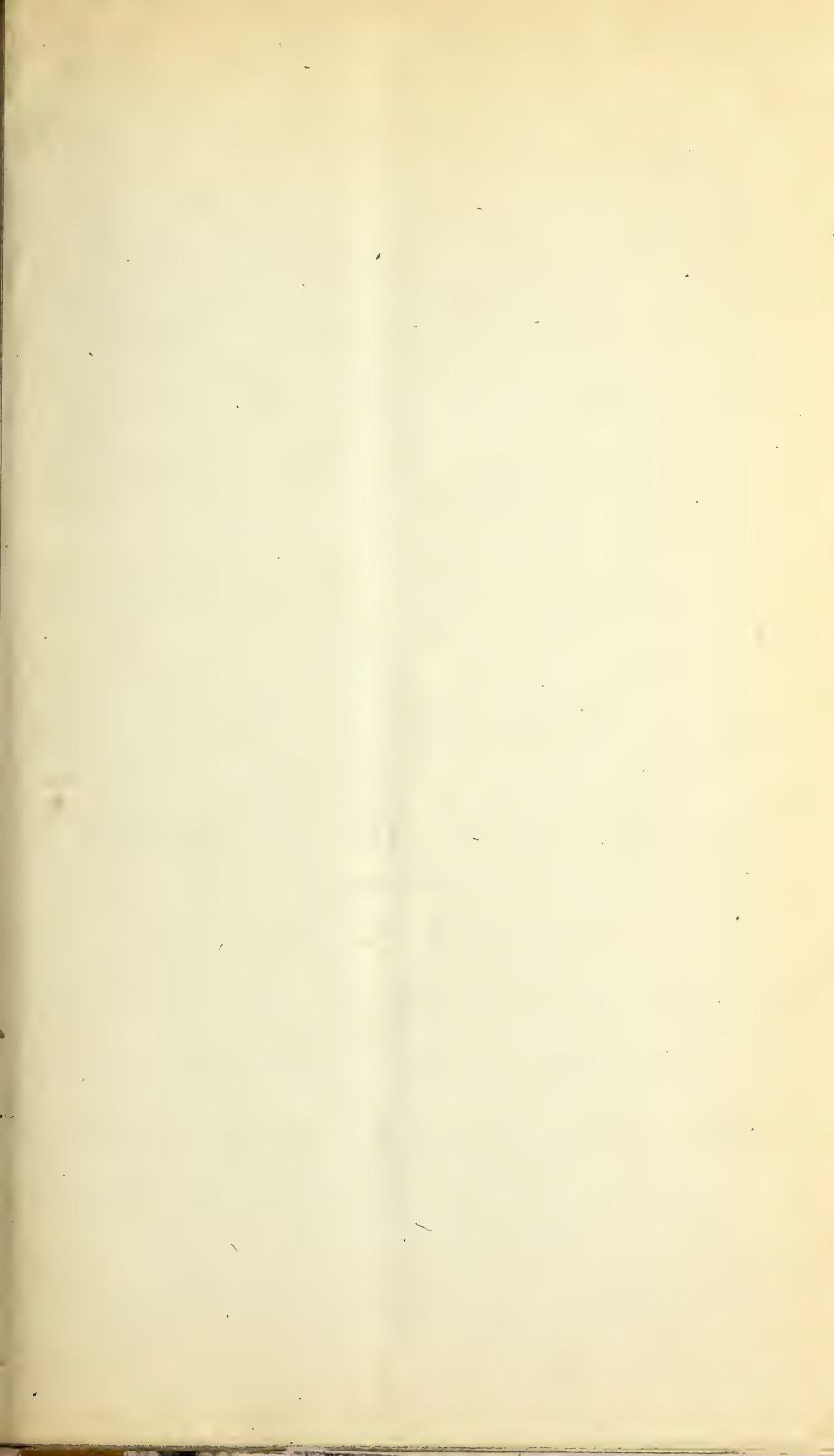
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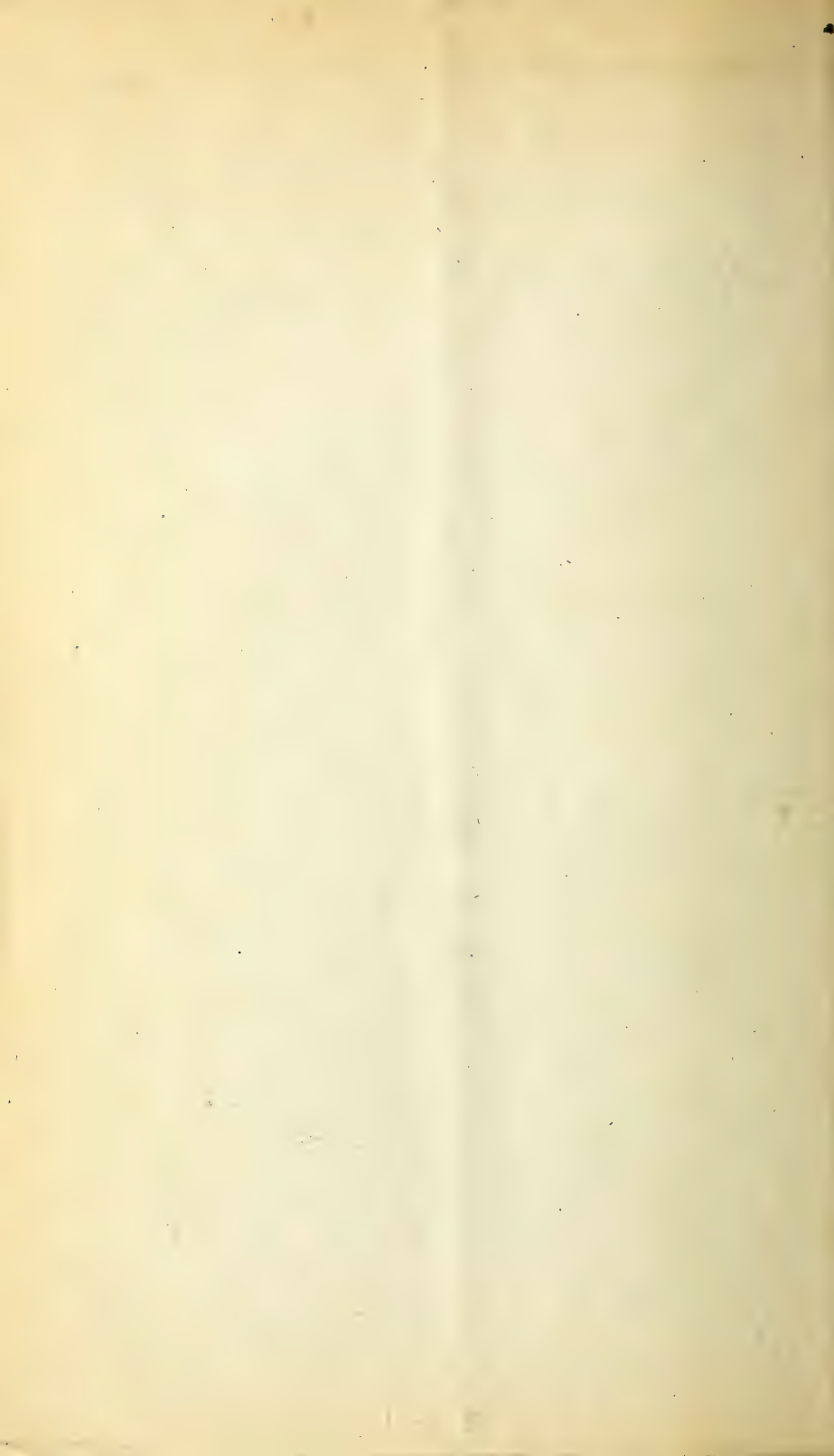
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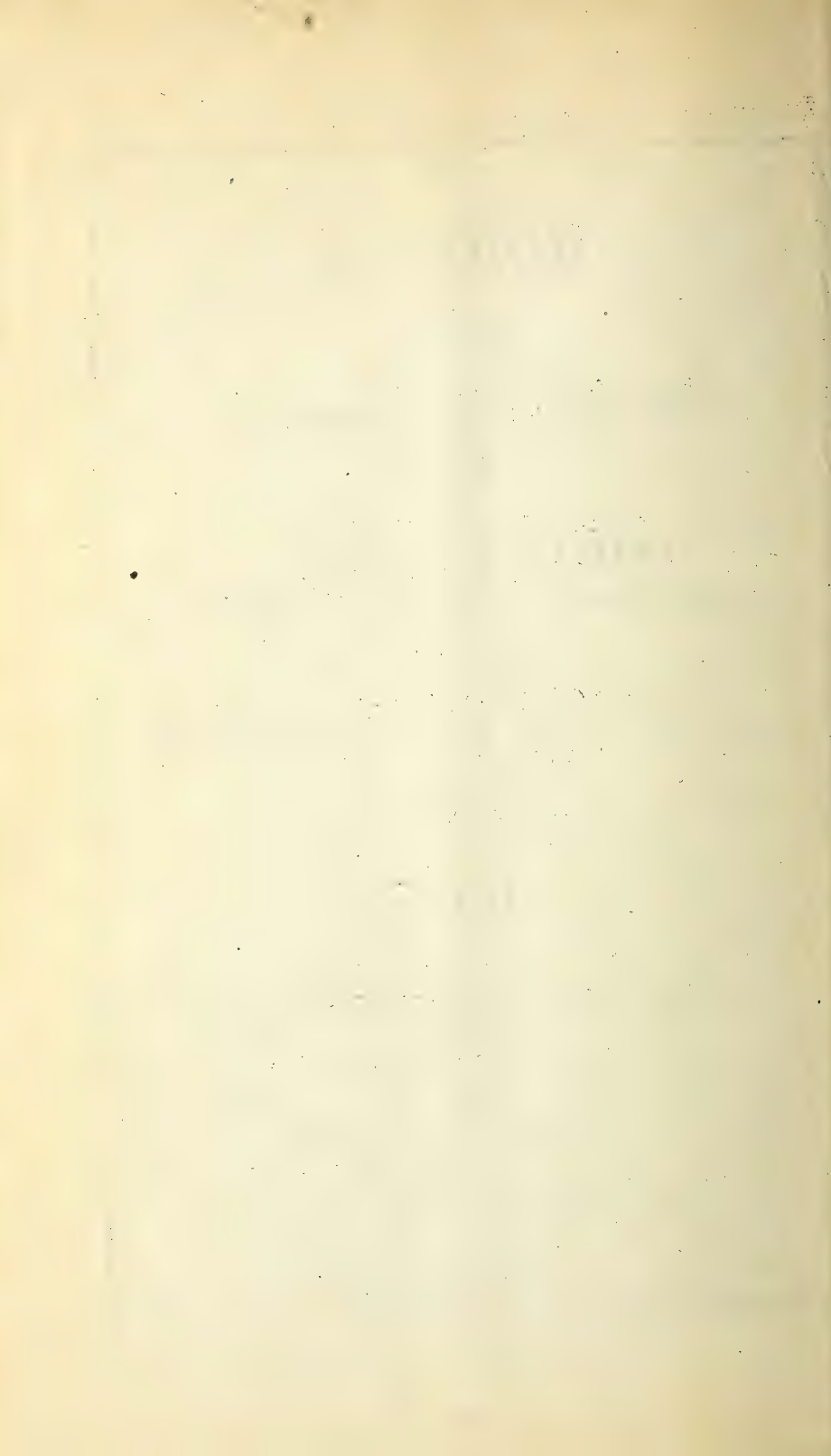
August 29—31,

1916

Next session to be held with Antioch Church, 14 miles west of Boone, beginning Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in August 1917;

L. C. Wilson to preach the annual sermon, I. C. Milner, alt.

Will H. McGuire, Printer, Brookside, N. C.



MINUTES

Of The

Three Forks Baptist Association

ANNUAL SESSION LXXVI.

STONY FORK, N. C., AUG. 29, 1916.

Three Forks Baptist Association met this day in its 76th annual session in the house of worship of Stony Fork Baptist church.

At 11 o'clock A. M., after singing "Savior Pilot Me", "He Leadeth Me", and some remarks being made by J. J. L. Sherwood, L. C. Wilson led in prayer. How Firm a Foundation was sung, after which J. F. Eller who was appointed by last association to preach the annual sermon announced as his text Gen. 32 chapter 38 verse. Theme: Spiritual power our greatest need. At the close of the sermon L. A. Wilson led in prayer.

J. J. L. Sherwood, the Moderator, made some remarks on how to get religious power.

The association adjourned for one hour.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The association reassembled to the singing of Amazing Grace How Sweet The Sound. The Moderator then read Ps. 103. M. A. Adams led in prayer. Nearer My God To Thee was sung.

The Moderator then called the house to order.

Letters were presented from 34 churches. By request the letters were read by Smith Hagaman and the clerk.

The term of office of the present officers having expired, on motion of John Norris, W. R. Bradshaw was instructed to cast the vote of this body for J. J. L. Sherwood, Moderator and W. Y. Perry, Clerk.

W. Y. Perry read the Order of Business.

Geo. M. Reeves, C. M. Cope, J. Fred Blackburn and P. H. Haire reported from Ashe Association., W. R. Bradshaw in the interest of the State Mission Board, M. A. Adams in the interest of education, and D. M. Wheeler from Stony Fork Association reported them selves.

On motion of W. S. Farthing the Order of Business was suspended, and the Moderator on behalf of the association, gave to M. A. Adams a hearty welcome to this association.

An invitation was given to newly constituted churches, or churches holding letters from other associations to unite with this body. Liberty Grove and Oak Grove presented letters of church statistics in absence of letters of petition. The matter was referred to a committee composed of W. S. Farthing, J. F. Eller and L. C. Wilson.

The following Committees were appointed:

Finance— Smith Hagaman, G. L. Payne, L. A. Greene.

Time and Place— J H Farthing, Geo. Roten, Tilman Adams.

Religious Exercises— Pastor and Deacons of Story Fork church.

In the absence of the Com. on Foreign Missions, M. A. Adams was appointed to write the report.

Geo. Reeves and Smith Hagaman were appointed on Education.

J. J. L. Sherwood read the report on

PERIODICALS.

[The Report does not appear in the manuscript.— Printer.]

Report discussed by John Norris, W. R. Bradshaw, S. Hagaman, J. L. Sherwood, J. F. Eller, I. C. Miller, G. M. Reeves. Adopted.

L. C. Wilson read the Report on the reception of

OAK GROVE and LIBERTY GROVE CHURCHES.

We your Committee appointed to investigate the petition of the Oak Grove and Liberty Grove churches into your fellowship beg to submit the following viz:

After due consideration of their request to become one of us in the work of the Master, and after due consideration of their faith in the Baptist cause and especially in the evangelization of the world We therefore recommend their reception into your body.

W. S. Farthing, J. F. Eller, L. C. Wilson, Com

Report adopted and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the messengers from the above churches.

W. S. Farthing read the Report of the Com. who were sent by the association to

SHULLS MILLS CHURCH.

Saturday, September 25 1915.

We your Committee, appointed at the last session of the Three Forks Association to visit Shulls Mills church and make investigation in regard to the exclusion of Bro. J. C. Shull and wife from that church, beg leave to submit the following:

Your committee met this day with the above church and after making as thorough an investigation as the time would permit, have decided that there was nothing irregular about the action of said church except the arraignment of brethren before the church, on a personal difficulty, when the gospel steps had not been taken to settle the matter by the parties implicated.

G. P. Sherrill, W. S. Farthing.

Report adopted.

The Clerk read the report on

DUTIES of PASTORS to their CHURCHES.

The duty of churches to their pastors has for many years been discussed, loud and long, under the head of "Pastoral Support," but there has been little said in our Association about the duty of pastors to their churches.

To the preacher who does not try to be a real, true pastor, and who is content to go once a month—on Saturday morning and leave Sunday p. m.—meet only a few of his members and try to preach without preparation, the church owes only one duty, and that is to get rid of him as quickly as possible.

We believe that when pastors discharge their full duty to their churches the question of pastoral support will take care of itself.

We shall be able, in this report, to mention only a few of the duties which pastors owe their churches.

1. The pastor should know his people. Not only should he know their names, he should know their needs. The preacher who "dodges" into the community, spending only a few hours each month cannot know the spiritual needs of his people, and therefore, cannot help them. The pastor should be often in the homes of his people. The home is where the heart is. If the pastor would get into the hearts of his people he must first get into their homes. If he is there to sympathize with them in trouble, to strengthen them in weakness, to instruct them in holiness, to lead them as God's man leading God's people, he is a pastor indeed. Otherwise he is not. Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, said with pride: "I know my sheep and I am known of mine." The pastor must be with his people.

2. It is the duty of the pastor to be a constant student. He should know something, and know that he knows it. There has never been greater necessity for the pure gospel than there is today. The Holy Spirit is saying to the preacher: "Study to show thyself approved, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." The pastor must be a leader of his people. But how can he lead if he is not going anywhere himself? The pastor who fails to study the Word of God and the condition of this lost world had better get to the rear before the verdict of an enlightened people send him there. The pastor is God's shepherd, and God says to him: "Feed my sheep." Feed them out of the richness of God's Word.

The old unscriptural, unchristian theory that God wanted ignorant men to preach, and that when they got into the "sacred desk" He filled their mouths with rich things which had never entered their brains, has long since been exploded. When God calls a man to preach He calls him to prepare. Every pastor owes it to himself, to his people and to his God, to be a constant student.

3. It is the duty of the pastor to be an example to his church, of Christian living. The pastor who would say: "Do not do as I do, but do as I tell you," is too bad to preach. Before the pastor preaches "giving" he himself should give as the Lord has prospered him. He cannot preach purity of conversation if his conversations are not pure. He cannot drive his people where he would not go, but he can lead them where he will. His sermons will be effective when he practices what he preaches. His words will be like thunder if his Christian life behind them is bright like the lightning of God.

We believe that the ministry is the greatest calling in the world and with that calling comes the largest duties and awfulest responsibilities that ever fell upon a human life. God's shepherd caring for God's sheep.

J. C. Jones, W. T. Proffit.

It was discussed by Smith Hagaman, W. S. Greene, J. J. L. Sherwood and L. C. Wilson. Report adopted.

Com. on Devotional Exercises reported C. M. Cope to conduct devotional exercises at 8:30 a. m. and M. A. Adams to preach at 11 A. M. tomorrow. Adjourned to 8:30 in the morning.

Wednesday Morning, Aug. 30, 1916.

The service was begun by singing the Sweet By and By.

The Moderator led in prayer. C. M. Cope read the 3rd chap of Phil.

Amazing Grace was then sung. Prayer was offered by Bro. Cope.

The congregation sang Am I a soldier of the cross.

The association was called to order by the Moderator.

W. S. Farthing moved that the request of Elk Knob church regarding the ordination of Roscoe Trivette, by a presbytery, a part of whom had been excluded from one church and had been received by application into another church, be referred to a Com. Committee: J. F. Ellei, J. H. Farthing, J. J. L. Sherwood.

L. C. Wilson read the report on

TEMPERANCE.

In 1910 the liberty loving people of North Carolina of every religious persuasion rose up and at the ballot box said that that soul and peace destroying business the manufacture, and sale of intoxicating drinks must cease. Possibly North Carolina has never had a greater achievement than when she put to flight the liquor forces of the State and brought a measure of peace and joy to many hearts.

But notwithstanding what has already been done in the cause of temperance there still remains much yet to be done.

It is one thing to gain a victory over a foe, but another to hold the field. Your committee feels that much of that holy and righteous zeal that seized many of our people when popular cry was made for the temperance cause at the ballot box has cooled off in a large measure. And that there is that compromise with this deadly evil among our people; and that winking at dram drinking among our churches that should not exist can not be denied.

We would therefore insist that the churches of the Three Forks association wake up to the importance of a determined opposition to those agencies who are seeking in secrecy and in every conceivable way the destruction of our peace.

And we rejoice that through our law making powers with pending legislation backed by the determined and uncompromising Christian people that one day we may have not only State but national prohibition. But while there may yet be much said upon this subject; there is another form of intemperance that is more deadly in its nature than the saloon with all the darkness that has gathered around it

That cigarette; the universal curse of this age! What can be said? What can be done to turn away this dark cloud which is settling low upon the rising generation?

If we were asked to point out the most threatening and alarming

danger to the well-being and safety of our American people and the most threatening danger to Christianity we would show you that home where the cigarette is allowed a place within its circle.

If you would see an object of pity look at that mother who is blind to the dangers of her child. If you weep see that little boy in knee breeches in blinded innocence imitating the example of that young man for whom the world expects but little.

Your committee therefore plead with the brethren of this association; we would plead with every father and mother to make diligent search and see if something can be done to save the boys from utter failure in life; that they may be saved to bless the world and to know God.

L. C. Wilson, J. F. Eller, Com.

The report was discussed by L. C. Wilson, W. S. Farthing, E. J. Norris, John Norris, T. R. Greene, Geo. Roten, I. C. Miller.

Report adopted.

L. C. Wilson read the report on State Missions, W. S. Farthing read the report on Home Missions, and M. A. Adams read the report on Foreign Missions.

Am I a Soldier of the Cross was sung, the congregation standing.

State Missions was discussed by W. R. Bradshaw, Foreign Missions by M. A. Adams and J. H. Farthing. Reports adopted.

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STATE MISSIONS.

Notwithstanding the great achievements of the Baptists of the State through the medium of State Missions there still remain much yet to be done and done soon or the Baptist cause will suffer.

If the Lord has laid any special duty upon our people it is to give the gospel to North Carolina. If we have any mission it is to seek the salvation of our own beloved State.

If every home in North Carolina is not lighted up with the light of the gospel the Baptists ought to know it

If there is a community in all of N. C. that is not saved to the Baptist cause we are to blame. If there is a burning duty that rests upon any people that duty rests upon the Baptists. No people on earth hold such responsibility to our blessed Lord as do the Baptists.

It was in 1830 that the Baptist State Convention was organized; when the forces of the Baptists of the State were brought together for the great work that the Lord had called us to. And while great things have been accomplished even beyond description through State Missions; and while thousands of souls have been saved to the glory of God; and while more than 5,000 churches are shedding their light and influence over the State there remains much to be done and done quickly if ever done by the Baptists.

We would earnestly lay upon the hearts of our people the extreme necessity of creating such love and faith among our people in the cause of State Missions to the end that we may be "One in him" in the evangelization of our own lovely land.

May your committee not ask of every pastor, of every deacon and every leader of every church that a special effort be made, with such wisdom, prompted by such love for our Lord and his cause as to enlist the membership of our churches in the cause of State Missions.

J. J. T. Reese, L. C. Wilson, Com.

The territory of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention includes all the Southern States, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Cuba, Porto Rico, and Panama.

This is a vast field and includes much destitution, especially, in the far west and in the islands of Cuba and Porto Rico and in Panama.

This field includes a very heterogeneous population. We have the evangelized native white with the foreign residents of our South land, the Indians of the west, the mongrel inhabitants of Cuba and those of Spanish descent in Porto Rico and in Panama.

It will be seen at once that in order to evangelize this territory it will require a working force of varied endowments. In order to develop our people for labor in the various departments of Christian service, we have Mountain Schools as a distinct department of Home Missionary work.

The good these schools will accomplish in preparing our people for service eternity alone will tell.

The way has been opened for the Gospel in all the places mentioned above and if Baptists do not occupy and cultivate them others will do so, and we will lose our opportunity and it is to be regretted that many who are active and zealous in missionary efforts, disseminate error in connection with the truth; hence it is necessary that those who have the truth without any mixture of error should be actively engaged in dissiminating it.

While the Home Missionary work of the Southern Baptist Convention has grown to enlarged proportions and has been eminently successful, for which we should be thankful, yet it is unfortunate that the Board came to the close of the last Convention year in debt and the result is that a part of our contributions is applied to the payment of interest, when it should all go directly to the missionaries.

The above conditions should not exist and it is not necessary that they do exist.

If all the latent forces of the Baptist Denomination were fully aroused on the subject of missions and if all our churches were Missionary in practice as well as theory and if all our membership co-operated in the work, then there would be no lack of means not only to sustain all our Baptist enterprises as at present laid out, but also to sustain them in much larger proportions.

We earnestly urge all the members of our churches to heed the injunction of the Apostle Paul as laid down in the 16th Chapter of I. Cor., "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store as the Lord hath prospered him that there be no gathering when I come." And to be loyal to all the commands of Divine Master, who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive"

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

No age in the history of the world has ever faced such momentous events as the present age is facing. The crisis will come when the European war closes. This will bring us face to face with new conditions and stupendous tasks and unbounded opportunities in every relation of life. The commercial world is already planning to be ready when this time shall come. The Churches cannot afford to do

less, if they are to meet the exigencies which God is thrusting upon them. To see these opportunities and sit still and make no preparation to meet them would be criminal negligence toward those entrusted to our care, and recreant to our commission from the great head of the churches. At present our work is carried on through our Foreign Mission Board located at Richmond, Va. They work in both papal and pagan countries. We are rejoiced to state that the debt, which has so seriously impeded the progress of the work, has been entirely paid. This will make it possible for an enlarged work. We suggest that all of our pastors make an effort to get their people to take the periodicals that will give the needed information about our mission work and strive to enlarge the contributions to this object and that all encouragement possible be given to the Woman's Missionary Societies where they are already organized and where they are not already organized an effort be made to organize a good society in each Church within our Association, and that we also seek to place as far as possible, the Mission Literature published by our Mission boards in the hands of our people.

Respectfully submitted.

M. A. Adams.

Motion prevailed for a recess for one hour.

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Benediction by W. R. Bradshaw.

EVENING SESSION—Second Day.

Nearer My God To Thee was sung.

The house was called to order, and the Moderator announced Smith Hagaman, L. C. Wilson, and Will H. McGuire, Com. on Obituaries

Roby Eggers read the report on

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

It does seem to us that it should be every true Baptist's highest aim and chiefest delight to do something to relieve the old pioneer preachers—men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,—when we are indebted to them as to no other people in the world. We are told that a number of these have no means of support except the small amount they receive from the churches, and very few churches contribute to this object. We are taught in God's Word to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake

We should show our faith by our works, and not allow one of these old preachers nor their widows to suffer for the necessities of life.

Let us urge again that least one collection be taken in every church in the Three-Forks Association this year for this object.

R. C. Eggers.

Report discussed by Roby Eggers, M. A. Adams, J. H. Farthing.
Report adopted.

Geo. Roten read the report on

PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Notwithstanding the small pittance paid to the pastors of this association, we find that the churches paid to their pastors last year \$185, 18 more than they received the year before, but still the churches are just making a beginning of what they should do, a lack of adequate support has broken down many a preacher as well as many churches.

God has made thorough provision for his preachers and they will be

cared for sufficiently if we will do as he says. When he calls a man he means for him to preach exclusively. For no man that wareth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life. The affairs of the world distract and dissipate and destroy spiritual fervor and cools the zeal and freezes the heart. God wants a preacher to give his undivided time to the Ministry as much as he wants the priests to minister about holy things exclusively. We advise that the churches make a stronger effort to enlist every member in the support of their pastors.

Resp'y submitted,

Geo. Roten, C. S. Farthing.

Report adopted.

Treasurer read his report.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received for Orphanage	\$ 62.50
" " State Board of Missions	116.82
" " Gospel Missions	29.33
" " Minute Fund	35.27
In Treasurer's hands from 1915	1.20
Total	<u>\$245.12</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Orphanage	\$ 62.50
" Walters Durham:	
" Foreign Missions	57.26
" Home Missions	24.73
" State Missions	28.65
" Associational Missions	1.00
" Sunday School Missions	1.00
" Ministerial Relief	4.18
" Clerk of Association	7.50
" Will H. McGuire for printing Minutes	27.70
" Gospel Missions T. L. Blalock	29.28
" Treasurer for Postage	.58
Balance in Treasurer's hands	.74
Total	<u>\$245.12</u>

W. Y. Perry, Treasurer.

Report adopted.

On motion of W. S. Farthing, W. Y. Perry was continued Treasurer.

The clerk read the report on

TIME and PLACE.

We your Committee on Time and Place for next Association submit the following report, to wit:

Time, Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in Aug. 1917; place Antioch.

L. C. Wilson to preach the Annual sermon, I. C. Miller, alternate.

J. H. Farthing, Tilman Adams, Geo. Roten, Com.

Report adopted.

Will H. McGuire read the report on

EDUCATION.

The Baptist people are fast awakening to the fact that one great hope for a higher civilization and greater power and efficiency in moral and religious advancement, lies in the one word—Education, and

we are glad to note that the opportunities for the education of every child are steadily growing better.

The Baptists are putting forth mighty efforts for wide-spread Christian education,— and more especially for better trained Christian workers and more complete equipment of our preachers, that they may be able to be effective leaders in this age of advancement—which efforts are eminently worthy of the support and co-operation of all our people.

Our denominational strength, and our power in the affairs of the Kingdom depend largely upon the education and intelligence of our common people, and yet no system of education is complete unless in it is interwoven a sound Christian training, and we would advise every parent to select with discriminating care the school to which he entrusts his child for a higher education, choosing only such as are on a high moral and Christian plane, none of which are better than our own high schools and colleges.

Will H. McGuire, Com.

Report discussed by Prof. B. B. Dougherty in general. M. A. Adams discussed Christian education. Report adopted.

J. J. L. Sherwood read the report for the Com. on the

ORDINATION of ROSCOE TRIVETTE.

We your Com. to investigate the difficulty about the ordination of Roscoe Trivette on account of one member of the presbytery being an excluded member of a church in Tenn. on a grave charge, for which the law of the state has taken up. We advise the church of Elk Knob to annul the ordination of Roscoe Trivette as illegal, and choose a presbytery and ordain Bro. Trivette.

J. F. Eller, J. H. Farthing, J. J. L. Sherwood, Com.

Report adopted.

The messengers discussed the condition of their different churches who reported that they were gaining along all lines.

The clerk was instructed to write letters of dismissal for the following churches: Beech Mtn., Flat Springs, Elk Valley. 9

On motion adjourned. Benediction by W. R. Bradshaw.

Thursday Morning, Aug. 31, 1916.

Devotional exercises were begun by singing Nearer My God to Thee. D. M. Wheeler read part of 14th ch. of John. E. J. Norris led in prayer.

The association was called to order by the Moderator. Read and corrected minutes of yesterday.

A motion prevailed to limit first speech on each subject to 10 minutes, and all others to 5 minutes.

Smith Hagaman read the report on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday schools do not deem it necessary at this stage of our work to present arguments why every church should have an ever-green Sunday school. It would be too late in this day of enlightenment to raise such a question.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	P. O.	CLERKS	P. O.	Time of Preaching	Value of Ch. Property	Baptism Received by	By Letter	By Restora- tion	Lost by Letter	Excluded	Died	No. of Males	No. Females	Total Membership
Antioch.....	W. Swift	Reese.	W J Farthing	Watan. Falls	1	1000	7	0	5	2	0	1	75	87	162
Bethel.....	J H Farthing	Sweet Water	W S Farthing	Sweet Water	4	400	16	2	2	1	1	3	69	87	156
Beaver Dam.....	"	"	John Sherrill	Reese	1	500	6		1	4			64	85	149
Bethany.....															
Blowing Rock.....	M A Adams	Boone	E G Minton	Blowing Rock	1	1200				4	2		47	73	120
Boone.....	"	"	W R Gragg	Boone	2-4	8500	9	15		2	2	1	59	66	125
Brushy Fork.....	E M Gragg	Vilas	J H Presnell	Vilas	2	1000	9	1	2	32	2	1	66	69	134
Cool Springs.....	J F Eller	"	Q B Cannon	Blowing Rock	4	550	2		1	2			49	70	119
Cove Creek.....	M A Adams	Boone	D C Mast	Sugar Grove	3	1000	15	1		3	1		46	70	116
Clarks Creek.....	Not given.		Joel Eggers	Banners Elk	3	450	1						13	37	50
Elk Knob.....	J M Arnold	Parker	J M South	Tamarack	1	400			2	4	2	1	30	51	81
Fall Creek.....	R L Palmer	Beech Creek	T B Gryder	Heaton	2	300					1	1	26	17	43
Forest Grove.....	L A Wilson	Zionville	Millard Hagaman,	Vilas	3	700	16	3	1	310	1		61	94	155
Gap Creek.....	D M Wheeler	Bamboo	G A Hopkins	Hopkins	1	550	7	7	1	2	1		47	62	109
Howards Creek.....	E M Gragg	Vilas	E J Norris	Sands	4	500	5	2		1	2	1	18	49	67
Laurel Knob.....	P H Haire	Fleetwood	J F Pearson	Todd	3	500	3			3			22	29	51
Laurel Springs.....	D M Wheeler	Triplet	E B Hardin	Virgil	2	800	11	4	7	21	2	3	61	105	166
Liberty Grove.....	"	"	L W Keller	Garren	1	1000	5	25					13	17	30
Meat Camp.....	I C Miller	Stony Fork	L A Greebe	Sands	3	750	3	5			6		53	90	143
Mt. Gillead.....	J F Eller	Vilas	R L Phillips	Beech Creek	3		13	5	2	7	1		39	52	91
Mt. Lebanon.....	"	"	H M Bumgarner	Vilas	1	850	1	4		3	1	2	32	65	97
Middle Fork.....	J C Carlton	Boone	A J Shull	Blowing R'k	1	800	9	4		2	1		42	54	96
Mt. Calvary.....	J H Farthing	Sweet Water	J D Shook	Balm	3	800					1	1	41	78	119
Oak Grove.....	E M Gragg	Vilas	J C Hodges	Adams	2			25					13	12	25

N T Byers	Zionville	4	700	9	9	1	5	4	1	75	124	199
L E Beach	"	2	400	9			3	1		26	40	66
W H McGuire	Brookside	2	1000	8			5	3		45	59	104
J M Day	Shulls Mills	4	500				1			10	13	23
A A Hamby	Stony Fork	2	1000	3	1	18				94	84	178
J C Brown	Boone	2	200	7	1		7	9	2	37	65	102
Wade L Greene	Sugar Grove	3	560	14	1		1	2	2	32	39	71
W M Thomas	Mabel	1	600	6	1		1	6	3	61	78	139
W E Dugger	Vilas	1	200	3			5	2	1	25	38	63
R C Eggers	Zionville	1	1500	4	2		2	8	7	45	79	124
E F Tester	Rominger	2	800	9	7		6	2	1	55	57	112

Pleasant Grove	L A Wilson	Zionville
Rich Mountain	L C Wilson	Sugar Grove
South Fork	L A Wilson	Zionville
Shulls Mills	John Norris	Sugar Grove
Stony Fork	I C Miller	Stony Fork
Samson		
Three Forks	W Swift	Reese
Timb'rd Ridge	L C Wilson	Sugar Grove
Union	L A Wilson	Zionville
Willow Dale	G W Trivette	Sugar Grove
Zionville	L A Wilson	Zionville
Zion Hill	G W Trivette	Sugar Grove

STANDING COMMITTEES

Foreign Missions—Will H. McGuire.

Home Missions—J. H. Farthing.

State Missions—M. A. Adams.

Education—L. C. Wilson, B. B. Dougherty.

Pastoral Support—Geo. P. Sherrill.

Temperance—John Norris.

Sunday Schools—W. Y. Perry, W. R. Gragg.

Books and Periodicals—J. J. L. Sherrill. [Sherwood?]

Ministers Relief—L. A. Wilson, J. L. Hayes.

Resolutions—I. C. Miller.

Order of Business—Smith Haganan.

State of the Churches—C. S. Farthing, G. W. Trivett.

Nominations—Alex Haganan.

Digest of Letters—Roby Eggers.

Duties of Pastors to their Churches—John McBride, J. T. Reese.

Orphanage—W. H. Eller.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION										
Church	Organization	President	In office		State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Training School	Other Objects	Total
Boone	W. M. S.	Mrs. D. D. Dougherty	Boone	4.75	6.65	4.50	4.50	4.50	137.00	157.35
"	Sunbeams	Mrs. E. H. Moore	Boone							
Cove Creek	W. M. S.	Miss Bessie Johnson	Sherwood	6.00	9.70	6.80	4.50	4.50	4.21	32.41

Yet if there is, for the wellbeing and uplifting of any church the extreme necessity of any one thing it is a wide-awake Sunday school

That department of our work that cannot be dispensed with without doing violence to the Lord's cause. That department of our work that has for its object the enlargement and development of the membership of the churches and the salvation of the lost, and done so much for our Association, is the Sunday school.

Notwithstanding all that has been accomplished by this agency it is true that in many of our churches there is such a lack in the efficiency of its work that is proving detrimental to the prosperity of the churches. That Sunday school that fails to enlist the membership of the church in its work has failed very largely in its mission.

The training and development of the young membership of the church in her work is truly the work of the Sunday-school.

Here is where love and faith in mission work may be cultivated and fixed in the mind and heart of every child. Here is the place of seed sowing that is sure to bring forth a harvest well pleasing to God. Here is the place where every member may find something to do. Where every talent may be increased, and every service rewarded.

Your Com. would insist that there shall be such efforts put forth by every church and Sunday-school this coming year as to enlist the membership of our churches in the Sunday-school work that it may be indeed the church at work.

Geo. Roten, W. H. Eller, Com.

[The Clerk has just now sent in the report on Periodicals.]

PERIODICALS.

It is a fact that good food is necessary for the mind as for the body. What we read while young influences the remainder of our lives. Therefore, we should be very careful the kind of literature we select for our children to read. All trashy literature should be taken out of the home and such papers as the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, Home and Foreign Mission Journal should be taken.

Let us urge upon our people that they make a more thorough study of the Bible, as we believe all questions to be rightly settled must be settled by God's plain command rather than by world conferences of all denominations.

L. A. Greene read the report on

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FINANCE.

We your Com. on Finance submit the following report: Received from the churches for Orphanage, \$53 50. Minute Fund, 34.99. State Missions, \$29.43. Home Missions, \$11.98. Foreign Missions, \$37.39. Ministerial Relief, \$2.43. Gospel Mission, Bro. Blaylock \$12.41. Sunday school Mission, \$1.00. Total \$183.13. All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. A. Greene, Smith Hagaman, G. L. Payne, Com.

Report adopted.

J. J. L. Sherwood read his report as

COLPORTEUR.

I am sorry to say that my health was so bad I could not do much

work in the first part of the year. I have sold twenty five dollars worth of books, visited a number of families for religious conversation and prayer. I have on hand, books and cash to the amount of fifty three dollars and some cents. May God bless the little amount of work done. Respectfully submitted,

J. J. L. Sherwood.

Report discussed by J. J. L. Sherwood, W. S. Farthing, and adopted. On motion of J. H. Farthing, J. J. L. Sherwood was continued as Colporteur.

M. A. Adams submits the report on

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BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

It is a divine command that the orphan, in some way, be taken care of.

Twenty nine years ago this had a small beginning when J. H. Mills and a few others housed and fed a few children. Its friends have had many hard struggles during the years. Many great difficulties have been overcome. And today finds us with a great orphanage system taking care of about five hundred children.

The housing, feeding and clothing the children is a very small part of what the orphanage seeks to do for them. It seeks to learn them that they must work. A good school is provided for them, the gospel is preached to them and they are surrounded with all the reasonable comforts of life. It seeks for them to grow up like some body and be some body when they have grown up. In the next fifteen years there will be turned out from the orphanage about five hundred young men and young women to settle in every section of the State and, as a result of good training they are now receiving, be a great blessing to their respective communities.

The orphanage has possibly grown faster than some of us are aware of, think of adding 75 children in one year. To say nothing of the buildings, this means that the current expenses are fastly growing.

We have a few large givers, but our success at last depend upon the small givers and every man, woman and child a giver.

Recommendations: 1 We recommend that every wage earning Baptist in this Association make a Thanksgiving offering of one day's wages.

2. That every Sunday school give one Sunday's collection a month to the orphanage.

3. That clubs of C. & C. be taken by every Sunday-school.

4. We recommend that you pray for these 500 children and those who have them and this work in charge.

Respectfully submitted.

The Orphanage was discussed by W. R. Bradshaw, L. A. Wilson. Report adopted.

A collection was taken for the orphanage amounting to \$8.60.

FINANCIAL TABLE

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Pleasant Grove	92.16	5.00	6.48	68.72	.86	2.41	4.38	23.92	13.41	33.00	250.34
Rich Mountain.	35.			3.00	1.	.60	2	2.			40 60
South Fork	43 57	25		2 15		75	1 65				74 32
Shulls Mills	11 75			4	2 80	35		2 10			21 00
Stony Fork	40	10.00		4 22	3 00	1 50	4 30	2 27		34.36	97 65
Samson											
Three Forks	48		5 90	2 50	1	5 50	3 00	11 06			80 46
Timb'rd Ridge	60 09	4		10 89	1	5 13	4 58	15 78	5 20	8 34	124 57
Union	67 67	5	7	9 65	13 50	1	1 18	6			112 45
Willow Dale	72 30	2 75		17 73	4 00	.50				8 40	113 98
Zionville	75 00	91 20		7 00	8 00	1	8 21	7 25		24 65	222 41
Zion Hill	25 60			1		.75	1 25	1 50			30 10

The Clerk read the report on

NOMINATIONS.

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Member of State Mission Board—Smith Hagaman.

Executive Committee—T P Adams, Wm. Elrod, C P Hagaman,
John McBride, I G Greer.

Associational Vice Pres. Foreign Mission Board—W Y Perry.

Sunday school Secretary—Millard Hagaman,

To Southern Baptist Convention—M. A. Adams. Alt. L. C. Wilson

To Baptist State Convention—W S Farthing, L C Wilson, M A Adams, J J L Sherwood.

To Ashe Asso.—I E Duncan, Asa Brown, Jno Norris, L A Wilson.

To Caldwell Asso.—W D Farthing, J D Brown, John Crisp, H H Greene, I C Miller.

To Mitchell Asso.—Henry Glenn, G W Trivette.

To Watauga Asso.—J H Farthing, C S Farthing, J J T Reese, G P Sherrill.

To Stony Fork Asso.—D L Welborn, I C Miller.

Report adopted.

A. D. Wilson, Com.

A motion prevailed to reconsider the report on nominations, and strike out the correspondents to Avery Co. Association on account of their never having asked for correspondence. Adopted as amended.

Correspondents appointed last year reported as follows:

To the Southern Baptist Convention—L. C. Wilson, J. H. Farthing,
J. F. Eller, W. Y. Perry.

To Stony Fork Asso.—E. J. Norris.

To Watauga Asso.—Smith Hagaman, Geo. Roten.

The report of correspondents adopted.

W. S. Farthing announced for the Moderator the Standing Coms.

On motion appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of minutes and allow him \$7.50 for his service.

L. C. Wilson read the report of the Com. appointed to confer with J. C. Horton, the

HISTORIAN.

Your Com. appointed to confer with J. C. Horton, Associational Historian, submit the following:

We find Brother Horton in such state of ill health which renders him unable to engage in the development of the matter which he has on hand; hence for the want of his service we were unable to develop anything at this time. But after consultation with brother Horton, as to the disposition that might be made of the business and finding a willingness and even a desire to turn over the work to some one else that may be able to take up the work and develop it.

We would therefore suggest that the Association appoint some one to take up the work and develop it.

Adopted. Smith Hagaman, L. C. Wilson.

On motion appointed Smith Hagaman Historian.

L. A. Greene read the Report on
STATE OF CHURCHES.

Your Committee on the State of the Churches report the following facts for your consideration:

1. Only 36% of our members help support the pastor; 18% State Missions; 20% Home Missions; 21% Foreign Missions; 32% the Orphanage; 33% go to Sunday-school; 12% read religious papers; 17% religious books; 30% of our churches have prayer meeting; and 8% of our members attend.

2 Our churches are becoming too lax in discipline.

3 We are drifting into an indifferent state spiritually.

To improve the above condition, we recommend:

1 That some time during the year each church make a survey of its condition.

2 That each church meet and discuss its condition.

3 That each pastor try to inaugurate systematic Bible study in his churches.

A. J. Greene, L. A. Greene, Com.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved 1. That this Association feels under many obligations to this church and community for their hospitality shown us, and the excellent order that has prevailed on the entire grounds during this session, and that we express our thanks to them for the same.

Resolved 2. That Messengers who leave the Association before the close of the session, without some unavoidable cause, have been unfaithful to the Association and to the church they represent, and that we advise churches to elect representatives who will attend and remain during the session. Respectfully submitted.

J. F. Eller, Smith Hagaman, Com.

On motion adjourned to time and place.

The congregation then stood and sang How Firm a Foundation, while the people gathered for a sermon by the Moderator. He announced as his text: John 12: 32: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." After the sermon J. H. Farthing led in prayer.

There is a Fountain was sung while the messengers gave each other the parting hand.

Benediction by the Moderator.

W. Y. PERRY, Clerk.

J. J. L. SHERWOOD, Moderator.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE

CHURCH	SUPT.	P. O.	SEC'Y.	P. O.	Schools	Teachers and Officers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Mem- bers in S. S.	Months Open	Baptisms from School	Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Antioch	W J Farthing	Watauga Falls	Luther Ward	Watau. Falls	1	6	53	62	12	4	3.00	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethel	E J Farthing	Sweet Water	Mattie Farthing	Sweet Water	1	7	93	100	53	12	11	12.42	.....	.....	9.62	22.04
Beaver Dam	W A Reese	Reese	Rachel Reese	Reese	1	9	70	79	35	12	6	16.00	.....	19.32	.....	35.32
Bethany																
Blowing Rock	J M Hodges	Blowing Rock	Myrtle Sudreth	Blowing Rock	1	8	122	130	12	12	32.15	32.15	.....	.....	.....	32.15
Boone	W R Gragg	Boone	Wm Bingham	Vilas	1	7	146	153	12	12	23.70	23.70	.....	5.57	8.12	37.39
Brushy Fork	L M Trivette	Vilas	W C Payne	Blowing Rock	1	8	64	72	12	12	6.20	6.20	.....	.....	.....	6.20
Cool Springs	J M Pennell	Boone	Mattie Johnson	Sherwood	1	5	35	40	20	12	5.00	5.00	.....	17.67	.....	22.67
Cove Creek	John McBride	Sherwood	C C Townsend	Valle Crucis	1	8	77	85	35	12	12.00	12.00	.....	.....	.....	12.00
Clarks Creek	G W Byrd	Banners Elk	Osie South	Tamarack	1	4	25	29	15	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elk Knob	Roscoe Trivette	Trade, Tenn.	Pearl Stonie	Heaton	1	5	50	55	10	6	2.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	2.00
Fall Creek	W B Norris	Heaton, N C	Maude Roark	Vilas	1	5	55	60	23	12	2.65	2.65	.....	5.26	.....	7.91
Forest Grove	W R Johnson	Vilas	A C Miller	Yuma	1	10	125	135	70	12	16.10.25	16.10.25	.....	25.07	.....	35.32
Gap Creek	A R Yates	Hopkins	Ola Hayes	Sands	1	6	60	66	20	6	3.40	3.40	.71	.....	.....	4.11
Howards Creek	W L Brown	Sands	Lawson Edwards	Todd	1	6	49	55	12	5	2.80	2.80	.....	.....	.....	2.80
Laurel Knob	F M Stephens	Todd	E B Hardin	Virgil	1	10	65	75	32	12	3.68	3.68	.....	.....	.....	3.68
Laurel Springs	Clyde Ray	Virgil	Emily Greene	Garren	1	6	105	111	44	6	6.00	6.00	1.14	.58	.....	7.72
Liberty Grove	L N Keller	Garren	C R Greene	Zionville	1	5	70	75	15	9	6.04	6.04	.....	.....	.....	6.04
Meat Camp	M. Clyde Brown	Sands	Martha Younce	Beech Creek	1	6	51	57	9	9	3.08	3.08	.....	.....	.....	3.08
Mt. Gillead	Smith Eggers	Beech Creek	F H Hollers	Vilas	2	10	90	100	75	9	6	5.50	.....	6.00	.....	11.50
Mt. Lebanon	J Y Love	Vilas	A J Shull	Blowing Rock	1	6	31	37	12	12	2.65	2.65	.12	.64	.....	3.41
Middle Fork	Robert Shores	Blowing Rock	Snow Gwaltney	Balm	1	6	60	66	12	12	6.00	6.00	.....	3.69	.....	9.69
Mt. Calvary	J C Greer	Balm	Jas Gross	Adams	1	6	68	74	53	12	4.66	4.66	.....	4.50	.....	9.16
Oak Grove	Linney Barnes	Boone			1	6	43	49	9	9	3.70	3.70	.....	.....	.....	3.70

Location	1	7	80	87	12	11.00
Pleasant Grove E H Perry	1	7	80	87	12	11.00
Rich Mountain, W A Pennell	1	6	30	36	15	3.00
South Fork J E Duncan	1	5	62	67	6	2.15
Shulls Mills B F Wilcox	1	6	50	56	12	4.00
Stony Fork C C Kees	1	10	91	101	68	4.22
Samson						
Three Forks A J Edmisten	1	7	40	47	6	2.50
Timb'rd Ridge J E Farthing	1	6	66	72	36	10.89
Union Solomon Younce	1	10	90	100	60	12.5
Willow Dale W E Dugger	1	7	70	77	12	2.17.73
Zionville Geo Roten	1	7	65	72	25	2.7.00
Zion Hill John Keller	1	8	48	56	26	8
Ethel Wilson	1	7	80	87	12	11.00
A A Pennington	1	6	30	36	15	3.00
W F Norris	1	5	62	67	6	2.15
Gussie Crow	1	6	50	56	12	4.00
Nellie Wilborn	1	10	91	101	68	4.22
Stony Fork						
Bertha Greene	1	7	40	47	6	2.50
Clara Greene	1	6	66	72	36	10.89
Mollie Burkett	1	10	90	100	60	12.5
Annie Blair	1	7	70	77	12	2.17.73
W C Greer	1	7	65	72	25	2.7.00
Susie Haganan	1	8	48	56	26	8
Beech Creek						
Zionville						
Beech Creek						
Sum						

ORDAINED PREACHERS

G. W. Trivette,	Sugar Grove, N. C.	W. Swift.	Reese,	N. C.
C. S. Farthing,	"	M. A. Adams,	Boone,	"
L. C. Wilson,	"	J. C. Carlton,	"	"
John Norris,	"	W. M. Cannon,	Elk Park	"
L. W. Farthing,	Watauga Falls,	W. A. Brazwell,	Montezuma,	"
L. A. Wilson,	Zionville,	T. W. Grubb,	Todd,	"
R. C. Eggers,	"	Asa Brown,	West Riverside,	"
J. H. Farthing.	Sweet Water,	P. E. Herman,	Shulls Mills	"
R. L. Palmer,	Beech Creek,	I. C. Miller,	Stony Fork.	"
John Keller,	"	W. H. Michael,	Trade,	Tenn.
J. F. Eller,	Vilas,	Roscoe Trivette,	"	"
E. M. Gragg,	"	LICENTIATES		
I. J. McGinnis,	"	H. L. Greene,	Ferguson,	N. C.
J. J. L. Sherwood,	"	E. F. Tester,	Rominger,	"

ROLL OF MESSENGERS

Antioch—W J Farthing.
 Bethel—W S Farthing.
 Beaver Dam—Lee Swift.
 Blowing Rock—Ed Robins.
 Boone—John W Hodges, A L Cook.
 Brushy Fork—T Adams, L M Trivette, Jesse Greene.
 Cool Springs—J W Pennell.
 Cove Creek—W Y Perry.
 Clarks Creek—Letter.
 Elk Knob—J M Vannoy.
 Fall Creek—W M Story, W B Norris.
 Forest Grove—Smith Hagaman.
 Gap Creek—G A Hopkins, A R Yates, John Watson.
 Howards Creek—E J Norris, W L Brown, Ira Brown.
 Laured Knob—C F Goodman.
 Laurel Springs—Arthur Greene, Wm. Brown.
 Liberty Grove—J C Greene, G W Greene, L M Keller.
 Meat Camp—L A Greene.
 Mt. Gilead—Letter.
 Mt. Lebanon—J N Minton.
 Middle Fork—A J Shull.
 Oak Grove—Linney Barnes, J C Hodges, Cleave Gross.
 Mt. Calvary—W M Shoemaker, W H Shoemaker.
 Pleasant Grove—J R Isaacs, L S Pennell.
 Rich Mountain—W A Pennell.
 South Fork—Will H McGuire, T M Jones.
 Shulls Mills—G W Robbins, J S Reed, J M Day.
 Stony Fork—T R Greene, W S Greene, J D Cook.
 Three Forks—John C Brown.
 Timbered Ridge—W H Eller, E B Hagaman.
 Union—Letter.
 Willow Dale—Letter.
 Zionville—Geo Roten.
 Zion Hill—Letter.
 Bethany—Not represented.
 Samson—Not represented

OFFICERS of the ASSOCIATION.

Moderator, and Colporteur,	J. J. L. Sherwood.	Vilas,	N. C.
Clerk and Treasurer,	W. Y. Perry,	"	"
Historian,	Smith Hagaman,	"	"

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MINUTES

of The

77th ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

**THREE FORKS
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

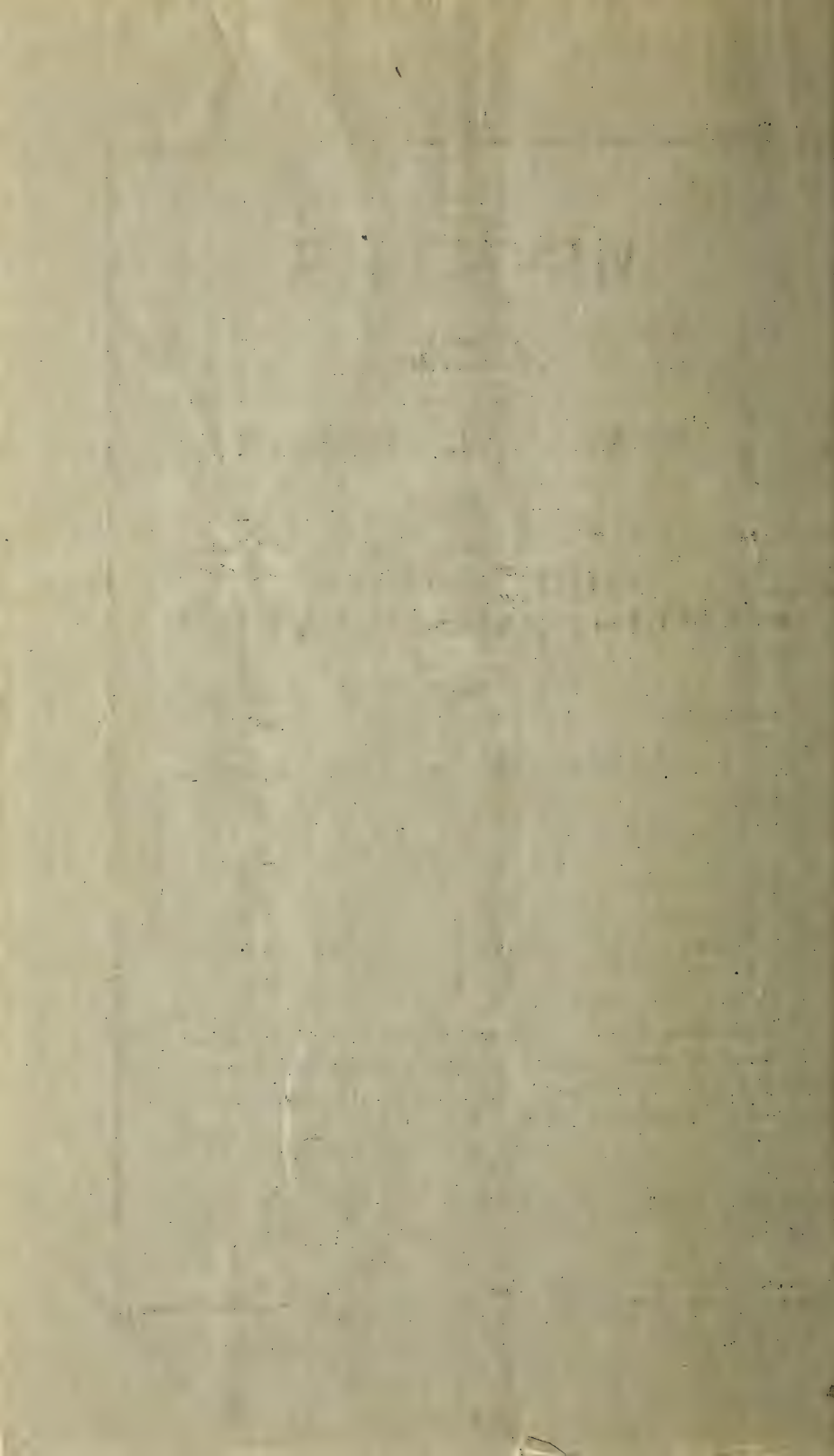
Held With

Antioch Baptist Church

August 28, 29, 30, 1917.

Next Session will be held with Bethel Church, 15 miles
north-west of Boone, to begin Tuesday after the
4th Sunday in August 1918
W. Swift to preach the introductory sermon, R. C. Eggers, alt.

Will H. McGuire, Printer, Brookside, N. C.



MINUTES

—OF THE—

Three Forks Baptist Association

ANNUAL SESSION, LXXVII

WATAUGA FALLS, N. C., AUG. 28, 1917.

Three Forks Baptist Association met this day in its 77th annual session in the house of worship of Antioch Baptist church.

At 11 o'clock a. m. after singing "Come Thou fount of every blessing" and "How firm a foundation," W. N. Johnson led in prayer. We'll work till Jesus comes, was sung, after which prayer was again offered, G. P. Sherrill leading.

L. C. Wilson who was appointed by last association to preach the annual sermon, announced as his text, Ephesians 3rd Chap., 20 and 21st verses. Theme: Power of the churches. At the close of the sermon Wm. Elrod led in prayer.

The association adjourned for one hour.

Benediction by B. P. Roach.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The association assembled to the singing of "Amazing Grace How sweet the sound.

The moderator then read Psm. 103. M. A. Adams led in prayer.

The house was called to order by the moderator, and letters were presented from 31 churches.

On motion of M. A. Adams the letters were referred to the Com. on Digest of letters.

On motion of G. W. Trivett, the body instructed W. N. Johnson to cast the ballot of the association for J. J. L. Sherwood Moderator, and W. Y. Perry Clerk. W. N. Johnson so cast the ballot.

Smith Hagaman read the report on Order of Business. Adopted.

W. N. Johnson reported representing the State Board of Missions, B. P. Roach, a missionary from South China; Edmond Greene, from Stony Fork association; and J. H. Love from Watauga association, reported themselves as visitors.

The Moderator announced the following Committees;

Finance—W. J. Farthing, Smith Hagaman, D. C. Mast.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Antioch Church.

Time, Place, and Preacher—Will H. McGuire, Geo. Roten, and J. P. Wilkinson.

Woman's Work—Mrs. D. F. Horton and Mrs. Smith Hagaman.

Obituaries—W. S. Farthing and Smith Hagaman.

Added Wm. Elrod & W. T. Vandyke to Com. on Digest of Letters.

A motion prevailed that J. J. L. Sherwood make a speech on Periodicals and write his report later to be inserted in the minutes.

The subject was further discussed by M. A. Adams, B. P. Roach and I. C. Miller.

BOOKS and PERIODICALS

The value of good books and sound literature can hardly be estimated. Parents should guard their homes well, as to the kind of literature that their children read. We put the Bible above all books. Our denominational books should be read more extensively by all people. The Biblical Recorder first of papers. Charity and Children Kind Words, and Texas Standard: would that our people would subscribe for these papers and read them. They would help the pastors greatly in their work. Respectfully submitted.

J. J. L. Sherwood, Com.

John Norris read the report on

TEMPERANCE

The last three years have seen long and rapid strides in the development of temperance sentiment throughout the civilized world. Several of the European countries have seen the necessity for a sober soldiery and have placed a ban on intoxicating liquors.

The states of our own country have, one by one, fallen into line for prohibition until one half of them are now free from the legalized manufacture and sale of liquor, and a large percent. of territory of the others is under local prohibition laws. Recently the congress of the United States has passed such laws as will make the entire United States, practically, dry during the present war, and we confidently expect by that time, that the entire country will have seen enough of the splendid effects of nation-wide prohibition that the National Congress will never again allow any state to legalize the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquor.

In the meantime it is our duty to be vigilant. Of all times, [this is the time for the "moonshiner" and the "bootlegger" to get in their deadly work. We must see to it that these are hunted down and given the full penalty of the law. Respectfully submitted.

John Norris, Com.

Report adopted after being discussed by John Norris, W. S. Farthing and E. J. Norris.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported the following: I. C. Miller to conduct devotional exercises tomorrow morning, and Walter N. Johnson to preach at 11 o'clock a. m.

On motion adjourned until 8:30 in the morning, after the singing of "When I can read my Title clear to Mansions in the Skies."

Benediction by Walter N. Johnson.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 29, 1917.

Service was begun by singing "What a friend we have in Jesus."

I. C. Miller read the 2nd Chap. of Eph.

M. A. Adams led in prayer.

W. T. Vandyke led in singing "We'll work till Jesus comes."

Many precious Scriptures were quoted by the brethren, and prayer was again offered by L. A. Wilson.

The minutes of yesterday were then read and approved.

The roll of delegates was then called and absentees erased.

A motion then prevailed, that all ministers who attended the association should be enrolled, and called as delegates. P. P. Hayes announced himself as a visitor from Holston association.

A motion prevailed that the Com. on Program be instructed to prepare a program for two days for the next session of our association, and that the next session begin its first day's work at 10 o'clock a.m.

M. A. Adams read the report on

STATE MISSIONS.

At the present time there are about one and fifty missionaries working with the State Mission Board. They are operating in the country, villages and our larger towns. The basis of our work financially, is \$47500.00 exclusive of Associational Missions. The present plan of cooperating directly with each church that receives assistance from the board, and monthly reports and monthly payment of the men employed by the board is to be commended.

At the present time the work needs to be greatly enlarged. New territory ought to be opened up and a goodly number of places greatly strengthened.

Our Rev. Walter N. Johnson is vigorously taking hold of the work and promises to lead us to greater things.

We suggest that all of the Sunday schools observe State Mission Day in Sept. and that we strive to enlarge our contributions to State Missions the coming year.

J. H. Farthing read the report on

HOME MISSIONS

Our Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Georgia, has the distinction of reporting yearly more converts and baptisms through the work of its missionaries than have ever been reported by another Home Mission Board in America, though several of these expend more money than our Board does.

Our Board last year reported 37,724 baptisms. 22,945 of which were creditable directly to Home Missions, while the rest were creditable to co-operative agencies. Last year the total receipts of the Board for all objects were \$474,792, while the administrative costs were \$22,638, or only 4.7 percent. This suggests great economy in administration. While we applaud a wise economy, we must not forget that efficiency in secular business has nearly always required considerably larger administrative costs than this.

Our Board must not only wisely expend money; it must aid in nurturing and instructing the sources of its supply, which are among

nearly 3,000,000 Baptists, most of whom belong to churches with only once-a-month preaching by absentee pastors. To do this service with any real effectiveness will necessitate some expense. We would encourage our Board in incurring expenses required for efficiency.

The great world war is a challenge to every moral and spiritual resource in America. Hundreds of thousands of homes will experience a new soul-hunger, a new sense of need, in the giving of their sons to fight in the nation's armies for justice and democracy. The American farmer must feed the world. The farmer's church, already in need of inspiration and new methods that it may serve a new rural world, must be the center from which the farmer shall gain added understanding and courage to do his part for God and for country. Southern Baptists must do their full share to save and to serve the religious needs of our American boys in the camps, and to protect them from the foul birds of prey that follow every army.

Realizing that new and heavier burdens must in this crisis be borne by Baptists of the South in the Home Mission Field, the Southern Baptist Convention at New Orleans instructed the Board to pursue its work on the basis of an apportionment of \$505,193, and the annual meeting of the Board in June planned the year's work on that basis. It is the first time Southern Baptists have undertaken to raise half a million for Home Missions, but the abounding need, and opportunities call for it. Our Baptist people are prosperous. They can enjoy their prosperity without moral deterioration only by serving God and country and men with their substance. Patriotism and true religion call us to a large support of Home Missions.

In Evangelism and Church Building and Enlistment, in Cuba, Panama, and the Southern Highlands, among Foreigners, Negroes and Indians, through co-operative missions in such needy States as New Mexico, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Florida, in cities, towns and country-side, our Board has a great work, and the pressing needs which grow out of the war are in addition.

We recommend:—

1. That prayer be made for the work of the Home Mission Board and that our pastors be asked to preach at least once during the year on Home Missions.
2. That each and every church of this association make a liberal contribution during this year for Home Missions; that at least three public collections be taken for this purpose and that each church adopt a more systematic method of raising money for all purposes.
3. That our churches be encouraged to form mission study classes in "Baptist Missions in the South" and "Country Church in the South", the two popular mission study books of the Home Board. Also that our churches should order and make a larger use of the full and interesting lot of tracts about each phase of the work of the Board. The tracts are free on application. The books are, each, cloth 60 cents, paper 40 cents. All orders for literature or for books should be addressed to Publicity Department, Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. Farthing.

Will H. McGuire read the report on Foreign Missions.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Any programme of Christianizing the world without foreign mission work can never be complete, because without it, it is impossible to reach all the world, and all the world is included in the "Great commission."

The Southern Baptist Convention Board is sustaining about 390 missionaries occupying stations in many foreign countries. More than 20 of these are gone from our own North Carolina.

Approximately, these missionaries are conducting 340 schools with 8,900 pupils, 8 hospittles, and treated 5,700 patients, while the native Christians are giving much aid to the work—their contributions being about \$5 per capita. But notwithstanding all this, and all the great things that have been accomplished, the needs for workers and money have never been greater, and the harvest fields have never been whiter, nor the the pressing demands of duty been greater than now.

The opportunity for the Baptist people is here to give the world the truth, and if we neglect our plain duty in this matter the heathen world will soon be proselyted to heresies that will be worse than the present conditions.

A systematic effort is now being made by the Turks to cover China with their teachers to convert the Chinese millions to Mohammedism and the powers of Rome are reaching to grasp the world and bind it in Papal fetters, and yet are WE doing what we can?

A mighty revolution is upheaving the world and great changes are sweeping the earth, and the opportunity of the Baptist people is here and swiftly passing away. Shall we arise in our might and power and measure up to the high standard of our calling or shall we be "slackers" and let the King's banner trail in the dust, and have to answer for our negligence in the last day? Let us be fully awake to our duty and opportunity.

Respectfully,

Will H. McGuire, Com.

The reports on Missions were adopted after being discussed by Walter N. Johnson, J. H. Farthing and B. P. Roach.

On motion of M. A. Adams the Association went to the stand near by to hear a sermon from Walter N Johnson, after which it stood adjourned until 1 p. m.

Bro. Johnson read parts of 2nd and 4th Chaps. of Acts. After leading in prayer, he announced as his subject the Second Revival. Text: Acts 4th Chap. 31st and 32nd verses.

After the sermon B. P. Roach led in prayer. "All hail the power of Jesus name" was then sung. Benediction by L. C. Wilson.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The association reassembled, at the singing of "Amazing Grace How sweet the sound."

The house was called to order. Geo. Roten led in prayer.

A. J. Gambill announced himself as a visitor from Watauga Asso.

J. F. Dougherty announced himself as a correspondent from Watauga association.

The Clerk read the report on

ORPHANAGE.

In its physical equipment, as well as in the character constituency, the Thomasville Orphanage holds a foremost place among the orphan homes of the south. For thirty two years the home has been growing and is constantly being enlarged and still the task looms before them as just begun. The unprecedented prices for the necessities of life have made a rocky road for all public institutions, but the Baptist people have been responsive and generous. The past year has been the best in their history, financially, but the fact that it put them out of debt must not lull us to sleep. The high cost of living is putting them in debt again. From month to month they are running behind with their current expenses. Contributions must increase with their needs. Within a few months there will be added to the Kennedy home another cottage for twenty five more children. The distress of our times adds its demands upon the orphanage. The most rigid economy is being practiced at the orphanage. Those in charge of it were among the first to learn the lessons of the war. Conservation is the cry. Fruits and vegetables are being canned in large quantities against the winter season. Since the reception of the first child Nov. 11th 1885, 1794 have been enrolled, and the present number is 505 with the prospect of about 530 by the end of the year. The average yearly cost per child is \$127.75, or 35 cents a day, aggregating a total annual cost of \$66,046.75.

The health record of the children for the past year has been remarkable, there being no deaths and few cases of serious illness.

The graduating class in June numbered twenty four, being surpassed by only one class in the history of the orphanage, that of 1916 which numbered twenty nine. These young men and women turned reluctant steps away from the home of their childhood and are getting ready for the struggle ahead. Some few have entered college, but the large majority of them are on the firing line of life's battle for bread. Mystery veils the future—the struggle to crush Prussianism is the thing that is uppermost in the national thought. Thousands of our boys are preparing to meet the foe on the soil of France. The danger is that in our deep anxiety for the welfare of the nation and especially for the lives of those so dear to us, we may overlook our obligations to the institutions fostered by the denomination. This we must not do. Here is the orphanage caring for more than 500 of our children, 6 of them from the Three Forks association, which should make a mighty appeal to us.

Brethren, let us enlarge our contributions and rally to the support of those 6 children that we should feel especial interest for. They must be clothed, fed and trained, while the nation is training the soldiers at the various camps for the service of our country. The orphanage is likewise preparing the young lives under its care for the

larger service of winning bloodless battles under the banner of the King of Kings. Our loyalty and liberality to the orphanage must not be lessened but increased. We urge larger, regular giving by the Sunday-schools in once-a-month collections, and let us increase the one day thank offering this fall to the orphanage, for without this special effort they may be hopelessly in debt at this time, and without a wide circulation of Charity and Children, these results would be impossible, hence we urge an individual copy to as many of our people as possible, and a club in every Sunday-school.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Eller, Com.

The report was adopted, after being discussed by M. A. Adams, G. P. Sherrill, R. C. Eggers, H. H. Farthing, J. F. Eller, W. H. Farthing, and Smith Hagaman.

L. A. Wilson read the report on

OLD MINISTERS RELIEF.

We learn that during the 25 years of The Ministers Relief Board, about 125 needy ministers have received aid. There are at present about 36 beneficiaries, who are getting some aid from the Board.

We have 36 churches in The Three Forks association, and according to our minutes, 5 churches gave to this object last year, leaving 31 that gave nothing.

Now let us bear in mind that the Word of the Lord says: "the workman is worthy of his meat, and shall we not see to it, that those ministers and their wives shall have an ample support in their old age. While they have given the bread of life to hungry souls, shall not the churches of Three Forks Association see that there shall be a more universal giving to this worthy object. Resp't. submitted.

L. A. Wilson, Com.

Report was adopted after being discussed by L. A. Wilson, W. S. Farthing and others.

Mrs. D. F. Horton read the report on

WOMAN'S WORK

The W. M. U. auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention was organized 29 years ago, and since that time the organization has grown until there are over 13 thousand local missionary organizations in the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention, every state having a Union, and doing its own distinctive work.

North Carolina gave to missions last year \$59,731.00.

There were 1,421 societies that sent in reports, and 613 of them reported each quarter. In the Three Forks association we have four societies, an increase of two during the year, with a membership of 45

Biblical Recorders taken in the societies 14. Foreign Mission Journals 2. Royal Services 22.

We have contributed, during the year:

F. M.	S. M.	H. M.	T. S.	Total.
19.23,	14.41,	32.09,	22.80,	88.53.

There is strength in an organized body of Christian women who are giving themselves much to prayer and the study of missions, and

who practice systematic giving. I believe the church should be, and is a better church by having in it an active mission society.

Respt. submitted. Mrs. D. F. Horton, Mrs. Smith Hagaman.

I. C. Miller discussed the report. Report adopted.

The Clerk read the report on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Nothing is more clearly taught in the Bible than the fact that God wants us to teach His word to the people. Every time Israel wandered away from God they were brought back largely through teaching. In New Testament times Jesus and the Apostles made teaching a great factor in the spread of the Gospel. Since the close of the Bible story whenever God's people have magnified teaching, His cause has prospered, and whenever they have neglected it His cause has languished.

The Sunday School work is prospering in N. C. along all lines,—teacher training, improved buildings and equipment, taking a religious census to reach the people, grading the schools and organizing home departments to reach the shut-ins, buying workers' libraries to learn the best methods and planning evangelistic campaigns to win the lost.

But the S. S. of our association are not equal to the average enrollment of the state as compared to the church membership. There are 80 pupils to every 100 church members throughout the state. Our Sunday-schools have about 70 pupils enrolled to every 100 church members. We have less than the average of the entire state per cent. of church members enrolled in the Sunday-schools. The average for the state is 34% of the church members, while our per cent. is less than 25% of our church members.

Our Sunday-schools are not doing the efficient work that is possible for them to do if there were more of the church members enrolled in the work. Therefore every Sunday-school through out Three Forks association should work along some definite lines.

1. A campaign should be made to get more of our people to attend Sunday-school.
2. We should train more of our young people for Sunday-school teachers, as efficient teachers is our greatest need.
3. Free valuable tracts and suggestions on every phase of Sunday-school work, can be secured from E. L. Middleton, Raleigh, N. C.
4. The work of our Sunday-schools should be to lead the lost to Christ, and to develop and train them for personal service.

Report adopted.

W. Y. Perry, Com,

The messengers made one-minute talks on the condition of their respective churches, who reported advancement along many lines.

On motion adjourned until morning and spend one half hour in devotional exercises.

THURSDAY MORNING: Aug. 30, 1917.

The service was begun by singing "Who at My Door is Standing"

G. P. Sherrill read Ps. 46. J. R. Isaacs led in prayer. "The Rock that is Higher than I" was sung. J. H. Farthing led in prayer. "Gathering Home" was sung. Prayer was again offered, G. P. Sherrill leading.

The Moderator called the house to order. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

W. T. Vandyke read the report on

DIGEST of LETTERS

We, the Com. on Digest of Letters, report the following from 34 churches represented:

Value of Church Property, \$33,650. Rec'd. by Baptism 183. Rec'd. by Letter 81, by Restoration 22.

Lost: by Letter 128, by Exclusion 44, by Death 30.

Male membership 1,556, Female membership 2,110. Total 3,666.

Finances: Paid Pastors \$2,455.93, Building and Repairs \$1,452.38, Incidentals \$245.94, Sunday School Ex. \$260.89, Poor \$90.89, Minute Fund \$37.72, State Missions \$133.69, Home Mis. \$159.51, Foreign Mis. \$355.14, Orphanage \$488.91, Old Ministers' Relief \$35.38, Ministerial Education \$6.00, War Sufferers \$41.70, Evangelism \$41.87, Testaments for Soldiers \$4.85, Sunday-school Missions \$9.28, Colleges and Schools \$6.00, Other Objects \$484.73.

Total for all objects \$5,830.81. Respectfully Submitted.

W. T. Vandyke, Wm. Elrod, Com.

Report adopted.

W. J. Farthing read the report on

FINANCE

We, the Finance Committee, have received from the churches and paid over to the Treasurer the following amounts:

For Minute Fund, ...	\$ 38.23
" State Missions, ...	31.91
" Home Missions, ...	24.40
" Foreign Missions, ...	57.75
" Baptist Orphanage, ...	95.13
" Old Ministers' Relief	8.30
" Sunday S. Missions, ...	1.00
Total, - - - - -	\$256.72

Resp. W. J. Farthing, Smith Hagaman, D. C. Mast, Com.

Smith Hagaman read the report on

PASTORAL SUPPORT

There are two phases of pastoral support, both of which are absolutely necessary to successful pastoral work, namely: A financial support, and a moral, co-operative or sympathetic support.

The Lord has arranged that His message of life shall be given to the world through men and has further ordained that these who carry the message should be supported by His people.

Whenever we neglect or change this divine arrangement, both

preacher and church suffer.

The reports from the churches disclose a slight increase over last year in the amount paid to the pastors, about 8 per cent., however we are yet a very long way from the Bible idea of pastoral support, the support that enables our pastors to give themselves wholly to these things.

We most earnestly ask each church, not already having such an arrangement, to immediately arrange a regular, systematic plan for the support of its pastors. This will very largely solve the problem of financial support

We would further recommend and insist that at the earliest possible moment, a deacon or some other suitable person in each church, make a strong, well prepared appeal to his church on the necessity of a hearty moral, co-operative, sympathetic support of its pastors. This we feel would very materially help our present situation.

Respt submitted.

G. P. Sherrill Ch. Com.

Report adopted after being discussed by G. P. Sherrill, G. Roten, John Norris, and John Eller.

W. S. Farthing read the report on

DUTIES of PASTORS to THEIR CHURCHES

The duties of Pastors to their churches are manifold. They should know the Spiritual needs of their people and labor to supply them. They should labor to become efficient in every department of pastoral work. They should interpret the word of the Lord to their churches and admonish them publicly and privately to obey its precepts and its teachings. They should indoctrinate them in the distinctive principles of their denomination. They should combat error in every form, whether in the church or in individual members of the same, or if taught in their territory by an outsider.

The Pastor owes it to his church to rebuke and denounce sin in whatever form it may appear. He should lead the unsaved in the way of salvation and then baptize them into the fold of the church, upon a confession of their faith in Christ.

The Pastor should visit the sick, bury the dead, comfort the distressed, strengthen the weak, confirm the strong and restrain the wayward. But the ministers should also be an example to his flock in every good work. He should not only point to Heaven, he should lead the way. Not only should he admonish us to walk uprightly, he should walk uprightly himself. Not only should he say give, he should give, himself. In short a pastor should be a live wire to all his people.

H. H. Earthing, Com.

The discussion was lead by W. S. Farthing, followed by J. H. Farthing. Report adopted.

L. C. Wilson read the report on

EDUCATION

Never before in the history of the Baptists has education meant so much to the wellbeing of our people as it does today.

If ever there was a time when Baptists could be indifferent to this great question it is not now. If there is any question that it is imperative in its nature confronting Baptists it is the enlightenment of her people, and with pride we call attention to action of this body at her last session in adopting the timely thoughts and language submitted by the committee on this subject, viz:—

“The Baptist people are rapidly awakening to the fact that one great hope for a higher civilization and greater power and efficiency in moral and religious advancement lies in one word,—education.

And we are glad to note that the opportunities for the education of every child is steadily growing better.

The Baptists are putting forth mighty efforts for wide-spread Christian education, and more especially for better trained Christian workers, and more complete equipment of our preachers, that they may be effectual leaders in this age of advancement. Our denominational strength and our powers in the affairs of the Kingdom, depend largely upon the education and intelligence of our common people.

And yet no system of education is complete unless interwoven with a sound Christian training. And we would advise every parent to select with great care the school to which he entrusts his child for a higher education; choosing only such as are on a high moral Christian plane. And such we believe our own schools and colleges to be.”

There is another feature of this question that ought to appear to our people in a sympathetic manner, and move all of our hearts in love for our schools, which must meet the situation and face the war cloud with every other institution.

And our hearts are moved as we realize the fact that many schools must suffer and be robbed of many of the most promising young men striving with diligence to finish their education, to go in defense of the safety and peace of our homes and our nation.

So in view of all that is involved in this great subject, when the world shall need more of the enlightening power and influence of a Christian education, let us hasten to the task that the Lord has laid upon us as a denomination. The Lord by Isaiah said, “And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times and strength of salvation.”

Respectfully,

L. C. Wilson, B. B. Dougherty, Com.

Report adopted after being discussed by L. C. Wilson, Smith Hagaman, W. S. Farthing J. H. Farthing, D. C. Mast.

Smith Hagaman read an obituary of Rev. J. M. Payne. The same was adopted.

W. S. Farthing read an obituary of Rev. L. W. Farthing. The report was adopted.

Both obituaries appear in another place.

The clerk read the report on

TIME PLACE and PREACHER.

We have decided that the next session of the Three Forks Baptist association be held with Bethel church, beginning at 10 a. m., Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August 1918, Eld. Wellington Swift

to preach the introductory sermon. Alternate, R. C. Eggers.
Will H. McGuire, Geo. Roten, J. R. Isaacs, Com.

The report adopted.

The Colporteur read his report.

REPORT of COLPORTEUR

Your Colporteur begs leave to report:

I have sold about \$30.00 worth of books, visited sixty families, conversed with many on their salvation, prayed in many homes, tried to put Bibles in any homes without a Bible.

I have a box of books lost on the way, that I wanted for this Association. Respectfully submitted,

J. J. L. Sherwood.

Report adopted after being discussed by Colporteur.

On motion of Smith Hagaman J. J. L. Sherwood was continued as Colporteur.

The Treasurer read his report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received for Orphanage,	\$ 72.35
“ State Board of Missions,	83.78
“ Gospel Missions, (Blalock)	17.06
“ Minute Fund,	36.09
In Treasurer's hands from 1916	.74
Total,	<u>\$210.02</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

To Orphanage,	\$ 72.31
“ Walters Durham for:	
Foreign Missions,	38.92
State Missions,	29.43
Home Missions,	11.98
Sunday School Missions,	1.00
Ministerial Relief,	2.43
Gospel Missions, (Blalock)	16.97
To Will H. McGuire Printing Minutes	28.57
“ Clerk of Association,	7.50
“ Treasurer for Postage,	.55
“ Bal. in Treasurer's hands,	.36
Total,	<u>\$210.02</u>

W. Y. Perry, Treas.

Report adopted.

On motion of L. C. Wilson W. Y. Perry was re-elected Treasurer

REPORT of CORRESPONDENTS

L. C. Wilson reported visiting the Baptist State Convention.

J. H. Farthing reported visiting Watauga Association.

G. W. Trivett read the report on State of the Churches. Discussed by G. W. Trivett, Wm. Elrod, J. H. Farthing, & C.S. Farthing.

STATE of CHURCHES.

We your committee on State of Churches beg leave to submit the following viz: —

We find our churches are making some progress in a financial way; they are paying their pastors some better than they have in the past, they are also doing a little more for missions than usual, but they are wanting in other respects. We find most of our churches are very loose in their discipline, and very lax in the doctrine of the New Testament.

We recommend that our pastor's preach our distinctive doctrines (If they are right) and if they are wrong, discard them and get something that is right and preach them.

C. S. Farthing, Geo. W. Trivett.

The report was discussed by G. W. Trivett, Wm. Elrod, J. H. Farthing, C. S. Farthing. Report adopted,

A motion prevailed that the clerk place the regular resolution of thanks in the Minutes.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved 1. That this Association feels under many obligations to this church and community for their hospitality shown us, and the excellent order that has prevailed on the entire grounds during this session, and that we express our thanks to them for the same.

Resolved 2. That Messengers who leave the Association before the close of the session, without some unavoidable cause, have been unfaithful to the Association and to the church they represent, and that we advise churches to elect representatives who will attend and remain during the session.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES

Foreign Missions: M. A. Adams.
 Home Missions: C. S. Farthing, D. C. Mast.
 State Missions: I. C. Miller.
 Education: R. C. Eggers, I. G. Greer.
 Pastoral Support: Thos. Vandyke, J. R. Isaacs.
 Sunday Schools: Wm. Elrod, G. P. Sherrill.
 Orphanage: L. A. Wilson.
 Books and Periodicals: Will H. McGuire.
 Resolutions: Geo. W. Robbins.
 Order of Business: Smith Hagaman.
 State of Churches: John Norris, W. S. Farthing.
 Digest of Letters: John Ward, W. F. Sherwood.
 Duties of Pastors to Churches: E. J. Norris.
 Temperance: Geo. Roten, John Sherrill.
 Woman's Work: D. D. Dougherty, G. P. Hagaman,
 Ministerial Relief: L. C. Wilson.
 Nominations: W. S. Farthing.

TABLE 1 -- STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	PASTORS	P. O.	CLERKS	P. O.	Time of Preaching	Value of Ch. Property	Baptism Received by	Rec by Letter	Restored	Lost by Letter	Excluded	Died	No Males	No Females	Total Membership
Antioch			G H Rowe	Sugar Grove	NC	1000	1	0	0	0	0	1	74	88	162
Bethel	J H Farthing	Sweet Water, NC	W S Farthing	Sweetwater	'4	400	2	7			2	2	73	90	163
Beaver Dam	"	"	John Sherrill	Reese	1	800			1	3	2	2	61	82	143
Bethany	L C Wilson	Sugar Grove	J L Triplett	Matney	1	300	1		1	3	1		29	30	59
Brushy Fork	E M Gragg	Boone	J H Presnell	Vilas	2	1000	11	3	2	9	2		78	66	144
Blowing Rock	M A Adams	Boone	W M Franeum	B. Rock	1	1200	36	6		1	1	2	60	94	154
Boone	"	"	W R Gragg	Boone	2-4	8500	6	5	4				62	70	132
Cool Springs	I C Miller	Stony Fork	Q B Cannon	Blow. Rock	3	500			7				47	65	112
Clarks Creek	Henry Glenn	Watauga Falls	G W Rowe	Valle Crucis	3	450				3			14	35	49
Cove Creek	M A Adams	Boone	D C Mast	Sugar Grove	3	1000	6	4		2	2	2	47	73	120
Elk Knob	R C Eggers	Zionville	J M South	'Tamarack	4	400			4	5	1	23	48	71	
Fall Creek	David Greene	Whaley	T B Gryder	Heaton	2	300			1			26	17	43	
Forest Grove	J F Eller	Vilas	W R Johnson	Vilas	2	700			10	2	1	55	86	141	
Gap Creek	D M Wheeler	Bamboo	G A Hopkins	Hopkins	1	1000	15	10	1	1		56	78	134	
Howards Creek	E M Gragg	Boone	E J Norris	Sands	4	500	5	5	1	1		22	53	75	
Laurel Knob	No letter														
Laurel Springs	D M Wheeler	Triplett	E B Hardin	Rutherford	2	1000	1		2	4	1	68	113	181	
Liberty Grove	C M Cope	Obids	L N Keller	Garren	4	1000	4	12	4			16	26	42	
Meat Camp	L A Wilson	Zionville	L A Greene	Sands	3	750	3	1	1	1	4	51	91	142	
Middle Fork	E M Gragg	Boone	S P Hodges	Blowing Rock	3	800	4	5				47	51	98	
Mt. Calvary	J H Farthing	Sweet Water	F Shoemaker	Balm	3	800			3	5	1	40	76	116	
Mt. Lebanon	J F Eller	Vilas	S B Hayes	Vilas	1	850	13	2	1	1		36	64	100	
Mt. Gillead	J F Eller	Vilas	A F Burton	Butler	3	1500		1	1	4	1	37	46	83	
Oak Grove	W A Pennell	Zionville	J C Hodges	Adams	N C		5	3		3		19	16	35	

Pleasant Grove	L A Wilson	Zionville	N T Byers	Zionville	4	700	21	4	1	1	1	84	140	224
Rich Mountain	L C Wilson	Sugar Grove	L E Beach	"	2	400				5		23	38	61
Shulls Mills	N S Hampton	Blowing Rock	J M Day	Shulls Mills	4	1000	2	1				11	15	26
South Fork	L A Wilson	Zionville	W H McGuire	Brookside	2	1000	5	4		4	1	46	61	107
Stony Fork	J R Greene	Stony Fork	A A Hamby	Stony Fork	2	1000			3	10	3	87	67	154
Samson	W R Bryant	Finley	J L Hawkins	Blowing Rock	4	100				5	1	28	31	59
Three Forks	W Swift	Reese	A J Edmisten	Boone	2	300				6	3	35	55	90
Timb'rd Ridge	L C Wilson	Sugar Grove	W L Greene	Sugar Grove	3	1000	1			5	2	27	36	63
Union	R C Eggers	Zionville	W M Thomas	Mabel	2	700	22	2	2	6	2	72	89	161
Willowdale	Geo W Trivett	Sugar Grove	W E Dugger	Vilas	1	200	20	7	4	4	3	39	41	80
Zionville	L A Wilson	Zionville	R C Eggers	Zionville	1	1500	1	2		8	9	35	63	98
Zion Hill	G W Trivett	Sugar Grove	H Haganan	Watauga Falls	2	800	1	2		1	1	56	58	114

No Members	State Missions	Home Mission	Foreign	Missions	Training	School	Other Objects	TOTAL
00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.00			6.00
26	11.50	10.00	9.35	4.30	129.92			155.07
25	5.60	9.40	10.50	6.00				31.50
	2.92	14.08	6.35	6.00			39.00	29.35
								41.00

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Church	Organization	President	P. O.
Blowing Rock	W. M. S.	Mrs. J D Brown	Blowing Rock
Boone	"	Mrs D D Dougherty	Boone
Cove Creek	"	Mrs Pearle Wilson	Vilas
Forest Grove	"	Mrs Alice Moody	"
Boone	Sunbeams	Pearl Norris	Boone

A motion prevailed that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and allow him \$7.50 for his services.

In absence of the Com. on Nominations, the old report was re-adopted.

NOMINATIONS.

Member of State Board of Missions: Smith Hagaman.

Executive Committee: T. R. Adams, Wm. Elrod, G. P. Hagaman
John McBride, I. G. Greer.

Associational Vice Pres. Foreign Mission Board: W. Y. Perry.

Sunday School Secretary: E. F. Sherwood.

To Southern Baptist Convention: M. A. Adams. Alt., L. C. Wilson.

To Baptist State Convention: W. S. Farthing, L. C. Wilson, M. A. Adams, J. H. Farthing.

Any member of this association, who is in good standing, may consider himself a correspondent to any association, he may wish to visit, with whom we have correspondence.

On motion adjourned until time and place.

"We'll work till Jesus comes" was then sung. Prayer was offered by Wm. Elrod.

John Crisp read some verses from the 5th chapter of 2 Cor. He then announced as his text 2d Cor. 5 chapter, 21 verse.

"How Firm a Foundation" was sung while the messengers gave Bro. Crisp and each other the parting hand.

The body was then dismissed in a prayer led by the Moderator.

J. J. L. SHERWOOD, Moderator.

W. Y. PERRY, Clerk.

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Moderator and Colporteur: J. J. L. Sherwood,	Vilas, N. C.
Clerk and Treasurer: W. Y. Perry,	Vilas, N. C.
Historian: Smith Hagaman,	"

 ORDAINED MINISTERS

James Bradshaw	Blowing Rock, N. C.
G. W. Trivett,	Sugar Grove, "
J. H. Farthing,	Sweet Water, "
C. S. Farthing,	Sugar Grove, "
John Norris,	" "
L. C. Wilson,	" "
E. M. Gragg,	Boone, "
I. J. McGinnis,	Vilas, "
M. A. Adams,	Boone, "
J. C. Carlton,	Juilaeta, Idaho
J. J. L. Sherwood,	Vilas, N. C.
W. H. Michael,	Trade, Tenn.
W. M. Cannon,	Elk Park, N. C.
J. F. Eller,	Vilas, "
Wellington Swift,	Reese, "
L. A. Wilson,	Zionville, "
W. A. Braswell,	Montezuma, "
R. L. Palmer,	Beech Creek, "
W. A. Pennell,	Zionville, "
P. E. Herman,	Shulls Mills, "
Asa Brown,	West Riverside, "
I. C. Miller,	Stony Fork, "
R. C. Eggers,	Zionville, "
John Keller,	Beech Creek, "
Licentiate: Willet L. Moretz,	Brookside, "

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Shulls Mills	12 50	3	6		75				2 70		19	43 95
South Fork	45 50	3 35	3 18	2 55	61	2 30	4 75	4 25	3 50			69 79
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Zion Hill	25 00	119 50	20 00		65			1 15	3 00			164 30

Boone paid \$6 for Ministerial Education, and Cove Creek \$6 for Schools

Roll of Messengers

- Antioch—W J Farthing, John Ward, L D Harman.
Bethel—W S Farthing, H H Farthing, W H Eller.
Beaver Dam—G P Sherrill, Lee Swift, J R Wilson.
Bethany—R D Edmisten.
Blowing Rock—J D Brown.
Brushy Fork—Tilman Adams, J H Presnell, T L Mast.
Boone - I G Greer, Jesse Day.
Cove Creek—D C Mast, A D Wilson, W Y Perry.
Cool Springs—J W Pennell.
Clarks Creek—Joel Eggers, L A Laurance, G W Rowe.
Elk Knob—W A Johnson.
Fall Creek—B W Farthing, T B Gryder.
Forest Grove—Smith Hagaman, Roy Hagaman, W R Johnson.
Gap Creek—W C Greene, H E Greene, John Watson.
Howards Creek—E J Norris, Clarence Baker.
Liberty Grove—J W Greene.
Laurel Springs—Arthur Greene.
Laurel Knob—No Letter.
Meat Camp - H S Jones.
Middle Fork—Wm. Elrod, W T Vandyke.
Mt. Lebanon—S B Hayes, I A Bumgarner, I M Minton.
Mt Calvary—J C Greer.
Mt. Gillead—Geo. Laurance, J C Jones.
Oak Grove—I W Gross.
Pleasant Grove—E H Perry, J R Isaacs.
Rich Mountain—A A Pennington, A B Greene.
Samson—Letter, no messengers.
Stony Fork—W H Miller
South Fork—I E Duncan, Will H. McGuire, Willet L. Moretz.
Shulls Mills—G W Robbins, J M Day, J S Reed.
Three Forks—Letter, no messengers.
Timbered Ridge—J Y Smitherman, J E Farthing, E B Hagaman.
Union—J F Oliver, John H Isaacs.
Willowdale—Jas B Blair, F C Ward, W E Dugger.
Zionville—Geo Roten, Manley Greene.
Zion Hill—E T Presnell, D H Tester, M P Edmisten.

Obituary

Rev. L. Whitfield Farthing, the subject of this sketch, was born April 18th 1838 and departed this life the 11th day of Feb. A. D. 1917 Age 78 years 9 months and 23 days.

He professed faith in Christ in early life, but did not join any church until the year 1858 Feb. 28, when he united himself with the Baptist church at Bethel in Watauga county N. C., where he lived a faithful member until about the year 1886 Aug. 21, when he took a "Letter of Dismission" from that church and united with the Baptist church at Antioch, where he remained a faithful member until the summons came from his Lord and Master to lay aside his armor and enter into that rest prepared for all the faithful ones.

Soon after he became a member of Antioch Baptist church he was duly elected and ordained as a deacon of that church, which office he filled with honor to his church and the cause of his Master.

He was a son of Rev. R. P. Farthing and soon after the death of his father he entered the ministry and served his master in that capacity faithfully until his death.

He was set apart by his church and ordained to the full work of the ministry in the year 1916 Jan. 30. As a layman he was ever in his seat, as a deacon he manifested great interest in the welfare and prosperity of his church. As a preacher of the gospel he was very zealous, ever ready to speak words of comfort to those in trouble, and words of encouragement to the weak and wayward ones and he was very earnest in his exhortations to sinners about the danger of living and dying in sin.

His work on earth is finished, his troubles and sufferings are ended. He has gone to his eternal reward.

He was not only a faithful member of the church but he was a kind husband, an affectionate father, and a most splendid neighbor. He leaves an aged companion, two sons and one daughter to mourn his loss. A chair is vacant around the family hearthstone, his seat in the church is no longer filled but he is not forever gone. He has only crossed over the river of death into the realms of eternal rest.

While it is hard to give up our beloved father and brother, and we do greatly miss him, yet it will not be but a few days if we are faithful until we will join him on the shores of sweet deliverance where there will never be any more sad partings.

W. S. Farthing.

TABLE 3.--SUNDAY SCHOOLS

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CHURCH	SUPT.	P. O.	SRCY.	P. O.	No. Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment	Church Mem- bers in S. S.	Months Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Antioch	John Tester	Watauga Falls	John Ward	Wat. Falls	N C	7	69	76	27	6	2.50	.....	.....	.....	2.50
Bethel	E J Farthing	Sweet Water	Mattie Farthing	Sweet Water	"	1	7	107	114	12	2	14.78	.....	3.00	17.78
Beaver Dam	J R Wilson	Reese	C B Reese	Reese		1	8	80	50	12	1	20.00	50.28	.....	70.28
Bethany	L M Farthing	Hackett	Connie Yates	Hackett		1	8	35	43	9	1	3.35	2.76	.....	6.11
Brushy Fork	James Hayes	Vilas	W H Bingham	Vilas		1	8	64	72	12		6.20	10.10	.....	16.30
Blowing Rock	J M Hodges	Blowing Rock	Miss E Coffey	Blowing Rock		2	11	82	93	50	12	32.00	4.40	20.40	56.80
Boone	W R Gragg	Boone	R M Greene	Boone		1	9	259	268	12	4	45.80	17.60	35.25	67.35
Cool Springs	J W Pennell	Boone	J M Pearson	Blowing Rock		1	5	35	40	25	9	3.50	19.00	.....	22.50
Clarks Creek	G W Byrd	Banner Elk	H B Knight	Banner Elk		1	5	35	40	20	6	1.05	1.00	.....	2.05
Cove Creek	J J Glenn	Sugar Grove	Blanche Horton	Vilas		1	11	75	86	42	12	6	14.00	9.28	36.08
Elk Knob	No school reported														
Fall Creek	M W Storie	Heaton	Pearl Parlier	Whaley		1	5	59	64	22	12	2.40	9.00	.....	11.40
Forest Grove	J M Johnson	Vilas	Bertha Smith	Vilas		1	8	100	108	60	12	8.03	27.46	5.35	40.84
Gap Creek	W C Greene	Hopkins	A C Miller	Hopkins		1	6	50	56	30	6	3.25	.....	.....	3.25
Howards Creek	E J Norris	Sands	Ola Hayes	Sands		1	5	57	62	18	12	4	.....	.....	.....
Laurel Knob	No report.														
Laurel Springs	Arthur Greene	Virgil	Ora Brown	Virgil		1	6	64	70	26	6	1	4.25	2.58	6.83
Liberty Grove	L N Keller	Garren	Ellen Morphew	Riverside		1	8	95	103	33	8	5.54	11.92	.....	17.46
Meat Camp	J G Norris Jr	Sands	Clyde Greene	Zionville		2	12	109	121	12		7.42	2.50	.....	9.92
Middle Fork	R H Shore	Blowing Rock	J C Ashley	Blowing Rock		1	5	61	66	12		6.20	.....	.....	6.20
Mt. Calvary	J C Greer	Balm	Jas Shoemaker	Balm		1	6	63	69	24	12	7.03	1.00	7.00	15.03
Mt. Lebanon															
Mt. Gillead	Thos Stanbery A T Burton	Beech Creek Butler Tenn	Nettie Farthing Martha A Vounce	Beech Creek Butler Tenn	N C	2	11	64	75	25	12	9.00	5.33		14.33
Oak Grove	I W Gross	Adams	M Hodges	Adams		1	4	25	29	12	12				

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Obituary

Rev. John Milton Payne, whose departing occurred at Taylorsville, Alexander Co., on the 18th day of October, 1915, was born in Alexander Co. March 3rd 1858. At the age of 21 he was married to Miss Jane Downs of the same Co. They, later, came to Watauga Co. and located near Blowing Rock.

In 1880, in a revival service conducted by Rev. George Church, with the old Flat Top church of this Association, he professed faith in Christ and was immediately baptized into the fellowship of that church. Very soon after, he was elected a deacon of the same. Seven years later he was ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry by the Cool Springs church, on the day of its organization.

He at once entered upon a very busy life as a preacher of the gospel, having had the pastoral care of 22 churches in Caldwell and Watauga counties. At the time of his death he had the pastoral care of six churches, with two other regular appointments, one of these was at the County Home.

His services were very much in demand as a revivalist. In this work he was engaged with the Baptist church at Taylorsville, Alexander Co., at the time of his departure.

He died as he had often expressed the hope that he might, in the work, on the firing line, with his face to the front, without having to pass through long days and weary nights of suffering.

Doubtless the death of no man of any walk of life has caused such universal sorrow in our county as the sudden going away of Bro. Payne.

Smith Hagaman, L. C. Wilson.



MINUTES

—OF THE—

Three Forks Baptist Association ANNUAL SESSION LXXVIII.



TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 27, 1918.

Three Forks Baptist Association met this day in its 78 annual session in the house of worship of Bethel Baptist church.

At 10 o'clock a. m., after singing "O how precious is the promise," W. Swift read Ps. 34 and G. P. Sherrill led in prayer.

Jesus lover of my soul was then sung, after which W. Swift who was appointed by the last session to preach the annual sermon, announced Matt. 5 chapt. 13 to 16 vs. as his text. Theme: The light of the world.

At the close of the sermon J. L. Gryder led in prayer There is a Fountain was then sung.

The Moderator having died during the past year, the Clerk called the house to order and letters were presented from 34 churches.

On motion of John Norris the letters were referred to the Com. on Digest of Letters.

M. A. Adams and J. L. Gryder were appointed as tellers on the election of Moderator and Clerk which resulted in the election of Smith Hagaman Moderator, and W. Y. Perry Clerk.

Smith Hagaman then read the Order of Business. Report adopted.

Correspondents were invited to report. M. A. Adams from Haywood county association reported, also representing State Missions. A. J. Gambill reported from Watauga association, J. L. Gryder from Knox County District association.

The Standing Committee was read and M. A. Adams and Mrs. D. F. Horton were appointed on Woman's Work.

I. G. Greer and D. C. Mast were appointed as Com. on Finance.

Pastor and messengers of Bethel church were appointed as Com. on Religious Exercises.

On Time, Place and Preacher: J. H. Presnell, R. A. Thomas, and J. W. Pennell were appointed.

Obituary: D. C. Mast, E. F. Sherwood, W. Y. Perry, and M. W. Storie.

Will H. McGuire was added to the Com. on Pastoral Support.

J. F. Eller was added to the Com. on Ministerial Relief.

Will H. McGuire read the report on

BOOKS and PERIODICALS.

The Bible teaches us that as a man thinks in his heart, so is he, and we might add that as a man reads, so will he think in his heart,

hence we become very much like what we read.

Our people are not reading our religious papers and literature as they should, and we would urgently recommend that all our people read the Recorder and Charity and Children and other good Baptist papers devoted to our work, and that we all study diligently the Bible and other sound Baptist literature that we may all know the great principles for which we stand, and be better enabled to teach them to the young people and all who need such instruction.

Will H. McGuire, Com.

Report adopted after being discussed by M. A. Adams as to the Biblical Recorder and its benefits, Roy Dotson and H. H. Farthing also added some remarks.

It was announced that C. M. Cope preach at the stand at 1 p. m.

Adjourned for 1 hour. Benediction by R. D. Cross.

EVENING SESSION, FIRST DAY.

The association reassembled and How firm a foundation was sung. Oscar Roten led in prayer.

Will H. McGuire read the report on

PASTORAL SUPPORT.

We believe a pastor called of God has the greatest call that comes to man, and the greatest responsibility attached to the call.

No pastor can give the best pastoral service unless his people release his hands and his mind from worldly business and enable him to devote his energies to his pastoral work.

This being so, we desire to recommend that our people look well to the financial support of their pastors, so they will be able to do the great work to which they are called, and also we should give them our moral support and cooperation, if we expect the greatest good to result from their work, and further; the constant prayers for his spiritual support is as essential to his success as these others, and if we give of these according as the Lord prospers us, the question of pastoral support will be solved.

Will H. McGuire, J. R. Isaacs, Com.

Report adopted after being discussed by R. D. Cross, J. R. Isaacs, I. G. Greer, Geo. Roten, and L. C. Wilson.

The report on Orphanage being the order of the day and the report not being ready, a motion prevailed to discuss the subject and prepare the report later. Discussed by L. A. Wilson, R. D. Cross, W. S. Farthing, G. P. Sherrill. Report adopted.

ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville is one of the organs that we believe God has set to work in the hearts of his people, and for 33 years it has been growing like a leaven hid in three measures of meal till it has got hold on nearly all of the hearts of our churches. But with the awful cost of living, let us urge that each church and Sunday-school see to it, that each member help share in this great grace of giving to its support.

There are about 525 orphans in the home. We are not responsible for them being orphans, but we are responsible for their support.

We have 6 or 7 orphans in the home. We paid last year \$487.20. Let each pastor and superintendent keep this work before their people, and see that we give of our means sufficient to support these children.

L. A. Wilson, Com.

W. S. Farthing read the report on

STATE of the CHURCHES.

We are glad to believe that our churches have made some progress along certain lines in the work of the Master. There has been an increase in the No. of Sunday-schools in our association. The Sunday-schools are in session a greater number of days in the year. They are better attended than formerly.

There has been some increase in the average amount paid to our pastors, and our financial offerings to missions and other objects fostered by our denomination are some what larger. While these things are true, and while we believe some of our members try to do all they well can do for the advancement of the Lord's work, still our churches have never attained the maximum of efficiency in any department of the work for the lack of cooperation. Too many of our people take no part in any feature of the Lord's work. They take no part in the business meetings of the church, they take no part in the prayer services, they take no part in the teaching services, and they make no financial offerings, and never until every member does all he reasonably can do, will the maximum of efficiency be attained by our churches.

While, as we noted, some improvements have been made by our people, yet, in spirituality and moral purity, it is doubtful whether the membership of our churches has made but little if any progress. There is too little distinction between some of our members and the world, and we fear that sometimes this little distinction is in favor of the non-professor. This should not be.

Something should be done to enlist all our members in the Lord's work and to elevate them morally and spiritually.

Your committee is of the opinion that if a Pastors' Conference were organized in our association and well attended by all our pastors, it might result in much good to our people, and we also believe if all the work of each pastor lay in contiguous territory, he could perform his pastoral duties with better results to his churches.

The pastor needs to be brought into close relationship with all his people. He needs to know them and their environments, and they need to feel the force of his personal touch as well as the influence of his sermon from the pulpit.

We also believe that if all our brethren and sisters would lovingly watch over one another for their good and labor to avert bad influences and to correct wrong tendencies that it would in a large measure remove the necessity for the use of what is termed Church discipline. Shall we not try it?

John Norris, W. S. Farthing, Com.

W. S. Farthing, John Norris, C. S. Farthing, and M. A. Adams discussed the report. Report adopted.

The committee on religious exercises reported R. D. Cross to preach at 11 a. m. Wednesday.

A motion prevailed to adjourn to 8: 30 a. m. tomorrow, and spend 20 minutes in devotional exercises to be conducted by I. C. Miller.

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow was sung.

Benediction by J. F. Eller.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Aug. 28, 1918.

The Association sang "The half has never yet been told", I. C. Miller then read 46th Ps. Many of the brethren quoted Scriptures precious to them. I. C. Miller led in prayer, after which "Take the name of Jesus with you" was sung. Talks were made by John Norris and I. C. Miller. Geo. Roten led in prayer.

The house was called to order by the moderator. The minutes of yesterday were then read and approved. A motion prevailed that the roll call of messengers be deferred until the close of the session.

Oscar Roten announced himself a visitor from the first Nebraska Association.

Oscar Roten read the report on Temperance. The report was adopted after being discussed by Oscar Roten, W. Y. Perry, W. S. Farthing, W. Swift, John Norris, W. S. Farthing, and J. F. Eller.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

Since the Constitutional Prohibition Amendment was referred to the States for ratification thirteen States have ratified—five of them wet states. It requires twenty-three other states for national prohibition. If the dry states all ratify the amendment, only four more of the wet states are needed.

What can you do? Pray. Give to the institutions making the fight throughout the country. Vote. Without the vote we will never have prohibition.

It is time to call upon our Baptist constituency to get ready for the fight upon tobacco, which is coming soon.

I. G. Greer read the report on education. Discussed by I. G. Greer, R. D. Cross and others and adopted.

EDUCATION

The early Baptist schools came into existence because of the recognized need of a better trained Christian ministry. There was a close connection between the organization of the various associations and the establishment of a Baptist college in the state. Many of these institutions came into existence between 1830 and 1850. The growth of Southern Baptists in membership, in influence, and in all that goes to make a powerful people is traceable to the leadership furnished by the Baptist colleges of the South. More than ninety per cent. of our trained ministers and church workers come from these

schools. This being true your committee fears that we are not supporting our church schools as we should.

We are endeavoring to support 114 white Baptist schools and colleges within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. These schools report an indebtedness of over \$1,800,000. A careful student of conditions among Southern Baptists declares that the raising of \$10,000,000 is needed immediately to place these Baptist colleges upon a firm foundation. These institutions should be relieved of this financial embarrassment.

As the mother makes the home, as the pastor molds the church, so the denominational colleges make and mold the denomination. No denomination can rise higher than the colleges that train its ministers and leading laymen.

Every state is controlled by some political party. All state institutions are in the hands of these parties. No state or political party feels responsible for educating a gospel ministry. Therefore we must look to church schools for this training.

The supreme aim of education should be to make men and women. Our conception of a man or woman is a graceful and vigorous body, a thoroughly disciplined mind, together with a high moral and spiritual character. We believe that character is more important than mere intellectual knowledge, and a trained conscience more valuable than mere education. The supreme question of life is not intellectual but spiritual, is not what men and women know but what they are.

For the last quarter of a century our educational system has been emphasizing the materialistic side of life at the expense of the spiritual. We have been teaching men to make money. In the mean time we have permitted certain ideas to creep into our educational thought that is threat to undermine our political, social, and religious institutions. As a result of this, America's young, vigorous blood is being poured out upon the battle fields of Europe. These young men have been called upon to sacrifice their lives that the principles for which Christ died might not perish from the earth. While our soldiers are fighting to make the world safe for democracy it is our duty to make democracy safe for the world. If we are to have trained missionaries trained ministers, if we are to have the strongest laymen, if we are to have the greatest statesmen, we must maintain our denominational schools to produce them.

R. C. Eggers, I. G. Greer, Com.

Report was discussed by I. G. Greer, R. D. Cross, and others.

Report adopted.

M. A. Adams, for the Com. read the report on

STATE MISSIONS

State Missions is fundamental to all of our work. It is here at

the base that it must be made strong, if we succeed. The work is to supply preaching to destitute places and development. The present financial base is \$55000.00. The churches should respond to this appeal with promptness and fully meet this need. No such possibilities ever presented themselves for service as now. We wish especially to commend the schools for workers now being planned for the coming year. It is desired to hold the one for this association the last week in Sept. 1918. This will afford an opportunity for the training of the workers of our association that is so much needed. We suggest that the executive committee cooperate with the State Board of Missions in arranging this school. Respectfully submitted,

The Committee.

D. C. Mast read the report on

HOME MISSIONS

It is gratifying to note that there has been a 100 % gain in the contributions to Home missions by this association since 1914. In that year there was given \$76.20. In 1917 there was collected for this object \$151.76. This is encouraging in that it reveals a growing liberality among Watauga Baptists. While \$150.00 is no more perhaps than some individual churches could and ought to give to this object, the 100 % gain with in three years demonstrates that our people are beginning to realize the wonderful possibilities through the Home Mission Board of evangelizing and educating folks in isolated places; of housing houseless churches and thus broadening the Kingdom. Rev. Walter N. Johnson says: "That Home Missions is the big job of letting Jesus use us to save our own country." This is done in cooperative missions with several State mission Boards. Besides Evangelism Enlistment, Church Extension, Mountain Schools &c. The Home Mission Board this year has aided in launching the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans. It is also cooperating with the Northern Baptist Convention in doing religious work among our American soldiers in camps in this country and in France. There has never been such deep need of the gospel of Christ in our country as now, and never such ready response to it. North Carolina Baptists gave to Home Missions last year, \$56,568.39.

The Southern Baptist Convention instructed its H. M. Bd. to project its work this year on a basis of one million dollars. The Home Mission Board is asking N. C. Baptists to give \$75,000 of this amount. Will we do it? Will this association do its part?

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. Farthing,)
D. C. Mast, } Com.

R. D. Cross read the report on

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Is the work of giving the gospel to the people of nations outside our own country.

This work is administered by the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., Dr. J. F. Love, Corresponding Secretary.

There was received for the current fund of the Foreign Mission work last year, \$852,923.73, nearly \$300,000 more than Southern Baptists ever gave to Foreign Missions before. Virginia and Texas each gave over \$100,000.

The figures for achievements on the fields are 6,290 baptisms, 6 churches constituted, \$152,874.16 contributed by the native Christians, 26 churches arriving at self-support, 10,271 treatments by medical missionaries. Notwithstanding war and universal tribulation, God has set his seal upon the labors of those whom we have had the courage to maintain on the field, and this fact should prove a helpful lesson to our people in the future conduct of this enterprise at other times when clouds overcast the way.

We urge our pastors and churches to organize Mission Study classes. Books and suggestions may be had by writing to the Foreign Mission Board.

Southern Baptists are now doing Mission work in Africa, Argentina, Brazil, China, Italy, Japan, and Mexico.

This is a critical and inviting time to foreign missionaries. The world is in ferment. Old ideas and institutions are being melted into liquid form. The world's heart is broke. Men and nations are yearning in their grief and doubt and pain and dearth to turn to the true God. This horrible world war is driving the whole human race out through the dark in search of the outstretched arms of a loving Father somewhere. The message of Jesus will be heard now.

North Carolina Baptists gave to Foreign Missions last year \$71,695.98. The Southern Baptist Convention is instructing its Foreign Mission Board to plan its work this year on a basis of \$1,500,000. North Carolina's part of that is \$126,000. Shall we raise it? Will this Association do its part in reaching this high mark?

I. C. Miller led in the discussion of Missions followed by M. A. Adams and Oscar Roten. All the reports of Missions were adopted.

I. G. Greer led in singing America, after which M. A. Adams conducted an exercise of prayer for our boys who are in the trenches, in the camps, and for those who are going. Prayer was offered by many of the brethren and sisters. This truly was an effecting scene.

Blest be the tie that binds was sung. Adjourned for one hour.

Benediction by C. M. Cope.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Must Jesus bear his cross alone was sung. J. H. Farthing led in prayer, after which the body was called to order by the Moderator.

L. C. Wilson read the report on

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

This worthy and needy object is still pressing its claims upon us.

For more than 25 years the Baptists of the state have been in some little measure giving attention to the wants of the men who have about finished their task and are now waiting on this side of the River for the summons.

Without calling attention to the number, or who they may have been who have thus been aided, or who may yet be added to the rank and file to be cared for in the future.

Your Com. would insist that this cause does not suffer at our hands.

To ignore this cause would be to disown and disobey our Lord.

No church can afford to fail in at least one contribution during the year for the men who have spent their lives for the gospel's sake.

Respectfully,

L. C. Wilson, Com.

L. C. Wilson discussed the report, and adopted.

The report on Sunday-schools was read by G. P. Sherrill who then discussed the same. C. M. Cope continued the discussion, followed by R. D. Cross. Report adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

In the last quarter of a century our efforts as an Association, have been directed, at different periods, to different phases of our Sunday-school work.

At first, our energies were directed to the organization of a Sunday-school in every church in the association; this has been accomplished. Our second effort was to make these all perennial or ever green; this has been almost if not entirely accomplished.

It seems to us that the next and, doubtless, the greatest problem for our solution is the enlistment of more of our church members in the Sunday-school work.

The enrollment in our Sunday-schools for the entire state is only 78% as large as our membership. Deducting from this number those who are enrolled in Sunday-school and not church members, we have only about 53% of our church members in Sunday-school.

Coming to our association, we have 2,493 enrolled in Sunday-school, with a church membership of 3,666. This gives us a Sunday-school enrollment of only 68% as large as our church membership. Deducting from our entire enrollment a third -- about the number who are not church members -- leaves us only about 45% of our church members in Sunday-school.

These figures, which are approximately correct, reveal to us the deplorable fact that that for at least three Sundays in each month, more than one half of our church members are somewhere other than in the Lord's house, engaged in His service, on His day.

Wm. Elrod, G. P. Sherrill, Com.

M. A. Adams read the report on Woman's Work. Report adopted after being discussed by M. A. Adams and Oscar Roten.

WOMAN'S WORK

As we examine the reports given at the annual meetings of our State W. M. U. from year to year, we realize how bountifully God has blessed the efforts of the women toward the extension of His Kingdom. There are now 1,557 societies in our State; 193 new societies having been organized last year. N. C. gave to missions last year \$63,101.76, an increase of \$8,370.76 last year.

Within the last ten years the number of societies has been doubled, and gifts to missions multiplied by three. Not only has there been a growth financially, but also a development in the prayer life. There were 342 societies that observed the week of prayer for world wide missions. 168 study classes were conducted this year, and more than 4,900 copies of our mission magazines went into homes of society members. In the Three Forks Association the W. M. U. is yet in her childhood, being but five years old, and we have not made the progress that we desired, but there has been a steady growth, and from experience we realize that we must grow normally, that our development and future usefulness be perfect. We are trying to develop the spirit of service and systematic giving in our women, and we have undertaken the support of two native Bible women in China which means an increase in our contributions of \$100 this year.

We now have 7 societies, an increase of two during the year, with a membership of 104.

We have contributed this year: F.M. \$30.02, S.M. \$24.94, H.M. \$25.47, B.W. \$30.70, Ch. Bldg fund \$19.60, T.S. \$6.45, Ex. \$5.00 Orphanage \$3.00, Other Objects \$1.20. Total \$142.76.

We your committee on Woman's Work recommend:

1. That our association fully indorse the work of our women.
2. That we pledge ourselves to aid them in organizing societies in our churches.
3. That every church send a representative to the Woman's Annual Meeting at Forest Grove Sept 14.

Com.

W. S. Farthing read the report on

NOMINATIONS

Your Com. would recommend for member of State Board of Missions: Smith Hagaman.

For Executive Committee: T. P. Adams, G. P. Hagaman, I. G. Greer Newton Howell, D. C. Mast, with the Moderator and Clerk of this body.

For Associational Vice Pres. F. M. Board: W. Y. Perry.

„ Sunday School Secretary: Roy Gragg.

As Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: R. D. Cross.

TABLE 1.-- STATISTICAL

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CHURCHES	PASTORS	P. O.	CLERKS	P. O.	Time of Preaching	Value of Ch. Property	Received by Baptism	Rec by Letter	Restoration	Lost by Letter	Excluded	Died	No. of Males	No. Females	Total Membership
Antioch	J. H. Farthing	Sweet Water,	N. C. G. H. Rowe,	Sugar Grove	N. C. 3	\$1000	1			3		2	72	85	157
Bethel	W Swift	Reese	"	W S Farthing	"	4	400	2	3	9	1	1	69	88	157
Beaver Dam	J H Farthing	Sweet Water	"	John Sherrill Reese	"	1	500	1		1			60	81	141
Bethany	Not given.			Victor Farthing	Hackett	1	200	1		2			22	14	39
Blowing Rock	R D Cross	Boone	"	W M Francum	Blo. Rock	1	1200	9	3	5	1	1	51	78	129
Brushy Fork	Ed. Greene	Boone		J H Presnell	Vilas	2	1000	1	1	1		5	76	64	140
Boone	R D Cross	Boone		W R Gragg	Boone	2-4	8500	6	7	5	1	68	71	139	
Cove Creek	"	"		D C Mast	Sugar Grove	3	1000	1	6	2	6		45	76	121
Cool Springs	I C Miller	Stony Fork		Q B Cannon	Blowing Rock	1	500	2	1	3			46	64	110
Clarks Creek	L W Hall	Minneapolis		G W Rowe	Valle Crucis	1	500	3	2		2		15	26	41
Fall Creek	D A Greene	Dark Ridge		T B Gryder	Heaton	2	300	2	1		1		29	18	47
Forest Grove	J H Farthing	Sweet Water		W R Johnson	Vilas	2	800	1	2	1	3	1	55	86	141
Gap Creek	Levi Greene	Hopkins		H E Greene	Hopkins	1	1000	11	3	3	1		58	86	144
Howards Creek	D M Wheeler	Bamboo		E J Norris	Sands	3	500	4	6	2	3	1	25	56	81
Laurel Knob															
Laurel Spring	W E Carlton	Baldwin		Linney Greene	Boone, R	1	2	1000	5	6	5	1	58	117	175
Liberty Grove	C M Cope	McGuire		L N Keller	Garren	4	1000	7	7		1	1	28	23	51
Meat Camp	R C Eggers	Zionville		L A Greene	Sands	3	750	3	2	1	3	2	62	90	152
Middle Fork	E M Gragg	Vilas		L P Hodges	Blowing Rock	3	800	1		7	3	1	42	46	88
Mt. Calvary	J H Farthing	Sweet Water		F L Shoemaker	Balm	4	800		2				42	76	118
Mt. Lebanon	J F Eller	Vilas		S B Hayes	Vilas	1	800	1	10	1	3	1	39	67	106
Mt. Gillead	W Swift	Reese		A T Burton	Butler, Tenn.	1	200	2	1	2			37	46	83
Oak Grove	W A Pennell	Zionville		J C Hodges	Adams, N. C.	3		3		1			16	16	32

Pleasant Grove	L A Wilson	Zionville	J R Isaacs	Mabel	4	1000	25	4	1	2		252
Rich Mountain	R C Eggers	"	L E Beach	Zionville	1	500				2	1	36
Shulls Mills.....	N S Hampton	Blowing Rock	J M Day	Shulls Mills	3	1000	1	2				58
South Fork.....	L A Wilson	Zionville	W H McGuire	Brookside	2	1000	3			2		29
Stony Fork.....	I C Miller	Stony Fork	A A Hamby	Stony Fork	2	1000	19	1	2	4	4	108
Samson.....												174
Three Forks....	W Swift	Reese	A J Edmisten	Boone	2	300				2	1	88
Timb'rd.Ridge	L C Wilson	Wataga Valley	Tenn W L Greene	Sugar Grove	3	1000						63
Union.....	R C Eggers	Zionville	J M Burkett	Mabel	2	700	1					162
Willowdale.....			W E Dugger	Vilas	1	200	4			1	1	82
Zionville	L A Wilson	Zionville	R C Eggers	Zionville	1	1500	4	3		3	1	101
Zion Hill.....	G W Trivett	Sugar Grove	H Hagaman	Watauga Falls	2	900					1	113

As Delegates to Baptist State Con.: D. D. Dougherty, L. C. Wilson, Will H. McGuire.

As Correspondents to Ashe Asso.: I. E. Duncan, C. M. Cope, L. A. Wilson.

To Stony Fork: E. J. Norris, I. C. Miller, J. W. Brown.

“ Caldwell Co. Asso. R. D. Cross, J. H. Farthing, E. M. Gragg.

“ Watauga Asso.: C. S. Farthing, L. C. Wilson, J. F. Eller, R L. Palmer.

“ Mitchell Co.: Roy Dotson, Smith Hagaman, G. P. Sherrill.

Any member of this association in good standing at home, is authorized to report himself as a corresponding Messenger to any association with which we have correspondence.

Resp. submitted.

W. S. Farthing.

Report adopted.

John Ward read the report on

DIGEST of LETTERS

We, the Com. on Digest of Letters, report the following from 32 churches nepresented: Value of Church Property \$31,850; Receiv- by Baptism 118; by Letter 62; by Restoration 24. Lost by Letter 73; by Exclusion 27. by Death 29. Male Membership 1,552, Female Membership 2,036; Total 3,590.

Finances: Pastors' Salaries \$2,594.47; Building and Repairs \$651.28; Incidentals \$234.18; Sunday School Ex. \$506.48; Poor \$8.94; Minute Fund \$44.03; Associational Missions \$16.71; State Missions \$199.18. Home Missions \$330.29; Foreign Missions \$473.03; Orphanage \$416.72; Ministerial Relief \$67.62; Sunday School Missions \$14.70; Church Extension \$21.07; Other Objects \$235.32. Total for all objects, \$6,097.96.

Resp. submitted.

John Ward,

Report adopted.

Chas. Tester, } Com

G. W. Robbins read the report on

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, we believe that the work in the churches of our association would be greatly benefitted by a man possessing the qualification, to aid them to their highest efficiency, therefore be it resolved, 1. That we the delegates and pastors of Three Forks Association, do hereby instruct our executive committee to secure the services of a man for this general work.

2. That to this end they co-operate with the State Mission Board in securing and supporting a man for this work.

3. That we pledge ourselves and our influence to the support of this movement.

4. That a full report of all labors rendered and money raised be reported at next session.

5. Resolved, That we all feel very grateful to the people of Bethel for their kind hospitality and entertainment of the delegates and visiting ministers of other associations. We pray that God's richest blessings may rest on them.

G. W. Robbins, Com.

Report discussed by R. D. Cross, and adopted.

J. W. Pennell read the report on Time Place and Preacher.

Report adopted.

TIME PLACE and PREACHER

We your Committee on Time and Place beg leave to submit the following:

Time, to begin on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in Aug. 1919, and to convene with Union Baptist church. Introductory sermon by Roby Eggers, J. H. Farthing, alternate.

Signed by Committee,

J. W. Pennell, J. H. Pressnell Com.

A motion prevailed that the Executive Committee settle with the administrator of our deceased Colporteur, J. J. L. Sherwood, and that the Executive Com. select another Colporteur.

Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received for Orphanage.....	\$ 99.23
“ “ State Board of Missions.....	150.46
“ “ Gospel Missions, (Blalock).....	10.83
“ “ Minute Fund.....	38.73
In Treasurer's hands from 1917.....	.36
Total	\$299.66

DISBURSEMENTS

To Orphanage.....	99.21
“ Walters Durham for:	
Foreign Missions.....	64.58
State Missions.....	43.48
Home Missions.....	29.95
Sunday School Missions.....	1.00
Ministerial Relief.....	11.37
To Gospel Missions to T. L. Blalock.....	10.82
“ Will H. McGuire for printing Minutes.....	31.20
“ Clerk of association.....	7.50
“ Treasurer for postage.....	.55
Total	\$299.66

Resp'y submitted.

W. Y. Perry, Treasurer.

Note:—Some figures were not plain in copy of above report.—Printer.

On motion of W. S. Farthing, W. Y. Perry was continued treasurer of the association.

Correspondents reported as follows:

Geo. Roten attended Watauga Association.

I. C. Miller attended Stony Fork Association.

Table 2- Financial																		
CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building & Repairs	Incident- als	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Associa- tional	Missions	State	Home	Foreign	S. S. Missions	Orphan- age	Christian Education	Ministeri- al Relief	Other	Objects	TOTAL
Antioch	48.00	.....	18.00	5.00	.....	1.30	.....	.....	18.62	21.68	11.86	.....	9.22	.....	.....	.....	.....	81.52
Bethel	98.18	.....	13.70	16.92	.....	1.50	.....	.....	18.62	.....	.....	.....	38.49	.....	9.81	.....	.....	230.76
Beaver Dam	102.97	.....	3.00	15.00	.....	2.00	.....	.....	13.85	.....	101.45	.....	29.50	.....	5.30	32 17	305 24	.....
Bethany	30.00	.....	.....	3.25	.....	.50	.....	.....	.....	4.00	4.00	.....	2.65	.....	.....	.....	.....	46 40
Blowing Rock	200.00	.....	14.40	32.60	10.00	1.00	16.71	.....	5.85	50.25	28.60	12 85	35 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	409 11
Brushy Fork	60 00	.....	24 73	.....	25.00	1 50	.....	.....	5 15	2.00	5.35	.....	21 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	144 84
Boone	300	232.00	112 30	25.21	.....	2.10	.....	.....	38 21	148.75	84.72	.....	126 49	11.62	8 87	19 36	1210 14	.....
Cove Creek	250	.....	13 20	14.61	.....	3.00	.....	.....	34.98	26 46	88.03	.....	81 03	9 45	.....	.....	.....	521 19
Cool Spring	56.	.....	.....	5.00	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.00	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	76 00
Clarks Creek	50.00	12.00	.....	1.25	.....	.65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 74	.....	.....	.....	.....	67 64
Fall Creek	40.	.....	.....	1.75	.....	.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 26	.....	.....	.....	.....	51 51
Forest Grove	70.08	.....	1.65	13.79	.....	1.30	.....	.....	20.43	21.95	46.45	.....	61 04	.....	.....	3 45	240 14	.....
Gap Creek	43 56	78 43	23.02	4.50	.....	1 25	.....	.....	4 45	.....	.....	.....	9 14	.....	.....	.....	.....	165 35
Howards Creek	50.00	.....	3.10	2.20	.....	1.00	.....	.....	4.29	.....	2.00	.....	2 37	.....	.....	.....	.....	73 46
Liberty Grove	133.90	204.75	8 91	41 90	15.00	2 50	.....	.....	11 85	11.00	19 13	.....	26 22	.....	.....	.....	.....	485 16
Laurel Springs	92 05	8 10	.....	.....	15.00	2 20	.....	.....	.....	8 40	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	84 40	212 15	.....
Meat Camp	87.29	.....	1.77	4 30	.....	1 70	.....	.....	7 51	3 23	1 95	.....	11 28	.....	.....	27 14	146 23	.....
Middle Fork	107 55	.....	.....	6 19	.....	1 60	.....	.....	2 00	6 51	6 52	.....	35 00	.....	.....	43 23	208 60	.....
Mt. Lebanon	53 71	.....	15.00	4 01	3.92	1 36	.....	.....	.....	12 15	5 15	.....	16 12	.....	3 70	.....	.....	97 14
Mt. Calvary	95	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	3 80	3 41	.....	4 97	.....	3 65	.....	.....	111 83
Mt. Gillead	53 08	.....	.....	3 53	.....	1 20	.....	.....	.....	98	98	.....	11 14	.....	.....	1 15	.....	72 06
Oak Grove	26 25	.....	.....	2 10	4.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 10
Pleasant Grove	101 06	.....	.....	13 00	11 02	1 23	.....	.....	9 27	5.55	8.70	.....	25 75	.....	4 72	12 27	192 57	.....
Rich Mountain	.....	12.50	.....	3 60	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 85

Stony Fork.....	40	10.08	2.00	8.00	3.72	3.00	3.66	1.50	66.96
South Fork.....	82.30	57.40	2.50	1.30	3.10	5.00	11.15	4.40	172.45
Shulls Mills.....	25.25	105.50	5.00	1.50	1.00	2.00	2.00		159.75
Three Forks.....	47.43	4.20	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.10	4.25	8.00	68.88
Timb'rd Ridge.....	41.48	4.34	1.00	1.00	10	11.33	11.92	14.58	104.85
Union.....	53.05	5.22	1.20			2.36	5.37	3.07	80.27
Willowdale.....	100.75	3.00	1			8.00	10.00	30	167.25
Zionville.....	80.40	7.00	1		2.25	6.96	25.91	4.00	139.87
Zion Hill.....	25.65	2	75			1.00	2.32		38.72

Elk Knob, Laurel Knob, and Samson, no report.

2684.99

L. C. Wilson attended Watauga Association.

The Moderator read the report on

STANDING COMMITTEES, session 1919.

Foreign Missions: W S Farthing, H H Farthing.

Home Missions: W N Howell, Will H McGuire.

State Missions: R D Cross, Ed Sherwood.

Education: I G Greer, A J Greene.

Pastoral Support: G P Sherrill, W Swift.

Sunday Schools: George Roten, J R Isaacs.

Orphanage: J F Eller, Roy Dotson.

Books and Periodicals: John Norris, T P Adams.

Resolutions: D C Mast, W E Dugger.

Order of Business: W Y Perry.

State of the Churches: Harrison Farthing, John Ward.

Digest of Letters: John E Brown, Frank Wilson.

Duties of Pastors to Churches: C M Cope, L A Wilson.

Temperance: William Elrod, C S Farthing.

Women's Work: L C Wilson, Mrs D F Horton.

Ministerial Relief: I C Miller, L N Perkins.

Nominations: W S Farthing, William Farthing.

I G Greer read the report on Finance. Report adopted.

FINANCE

We the Finance Com. have received from the churches, and turned over to the Treasurer the following amounts:

For Minute Fund, ...	\$ 41.73
“ State Missions, ...	14.34
“ Home Missions, ...	28.37
“ Foreign Missions, ...	40.13
“ Orphanage, ...	75.68
“ Old Ministers Relief, ...	16.07
	<u>\$216.32</u>

D. C. Mast, I. G. Greer, Com.

Report adopted.

A motion prevailed to pay the Clerk the usual fee for his services and appoint him to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

On motion of I. G. Greer the association decided for the church Clerks to send their church letters to the association, to the Clerk of the association, two weeks before the next session of the association, and that the associational year end Aug. 1.

On motion the Moderator and Clerk of this body, be instructed to petition the Executive Dept. of the U. S. Government in behalf of this association, to rescind the order requiring the Camp Pastors to

leave the soldier's encampment Nov. 1st, 1918.

The Clerk read an obituary of J. J. L. Sherwood for the Com. J. H. Farthing spoke of the life and services of Bro. Sherwood.

M. A. Adams spoke about preaching his funeral from the text selected by Bro. Sherwood himself. J. F. Eller spoke about his fearlessness and boldness as an expounder of the New Testament doctrines.

Obituary adopted.

A motion prevailed that R. L. Palmer and M. W. Storie be appointed as a Com. on obituary of W. M. Cannon, and that it be prepared and inserted in the Minutes.

DUTIES of PASTORS to CHURCHES

Duties of Pastors to their churches are fully contained in Paul's charge to Timothy. They should know the spiritual needs of their churches, and teach them all things pertaining to their spiritual welfare and give his time possible with the members of his churches.

The duty of the churches to the pastor depends largely on what the churches do to make him an efficient pastor.

E. J. Norris, Com.

The business being finished the Moderator asked L. A. Wilson to conduct a devotional exercise. Amazing Grace was sung, after which L. A. Wilson led in prayer.

How Firm a Foundation was sung while the messengers and congregation gave each other the parting hand.

On motion adjourned. Benediction by Oscar Roten.

SMITH HAGAMAN, MODERATOR.

W. Y. PERRY, CLERK.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Smith Hagaman, Moderator and Historian, Vilas, N. C.

W. Y. Perry, Clerk and Treasurer, Vilas, N. C.

Colporteur to be appointed.

W. M. U.

CHURCH	NAME	PRESIDENT	P. O.	No. Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Training School	Other Objects	TOTAL
Blowing R'k	W. M. U.	Mrs. J. D. Brown	B. Rock							
Boone	"	" R. D. Cross	Boone	31	4.35	4.10	18.20	0.00	17.55	44.20
"	Sunbeam	Ruby Cottrell	Boone	26	1.81		2.75			4.56
Cove Creek	W. M. U.	Mrs. N. Johnson	Sherwood	20	6.15	9.17	8.85	3.00	6.45	33.92
Forest Grove	"	" Alice Moody	Vilas	28	2.20	5.50	13.50	3.45		26.65

TABLE III.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	SUPT	P. O.	SEC'Y	P. O.	No. Schools	Teachers and Officers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Mem- bers in S. S.	Months Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Antioch	John Tester	Watauga Falls	B. O. Glenn	Watauga Falls	1	6	61	67	33	6	1	5.00	.....	.....	.....	28.36
Bethel	W W Wilson	Sweet Water	Nannie F Shell	Sugar Grove	1	8	120	128	60	12	16	16.92	.....	6.34	5.10	128.91
Beaver Dam	J R Wilson	Reese	Ellen Reese	Reese	1	7	75	82	50	12	15	15.00	.....	60.66	53.35	3.25
Bethany	L M Farthing	Hackett	Lee Michaels	Matney	1	6	40	46	20	9	1	3.25	.....	.....	.....	86.95
Blowing Rock	J H Winkler	Blowing Rock	Elois Greene	Blowing Rock	1	7	86	93	50	12	4	33.60	25.60	14.93	12.82	.....
Brushy Fork	Nothing given.				1											.....
Boone	W R Gragg	Boone	R M Greene	Boone	1	14	206	220	88	12	6	52.04	17.64	126.47	56.09	252.21
Cove Creek	J S McBride	Sherwood	Blanche Horton	Vilas	1	8	112	120	40	12	1	14.61	26.00	81.21	.....	118.07
Cool Springs	J M Pearson	Blowing Rock	Maggie Bolick	Shulls Mills	1	5	45	50	25	9	5	5.00	.....	8.00	.....	13.00
Clarks Creek	W E Smyth	Banner Elk	Mattie Hodges	Banner Elk	1	5	20	25	17	6	1	1.25	.....	.....	.....	1.25
Fall Creek	M W Storie	Heaton	Pearl Parlier	Whaley	1	5	35	40	21	12	1	1.75	.....	7.26	.....	9.01
Forest Grove	J M Johnson	Vilas	Cora Eller	Vilas	1	9	75	84	60	12	1	13.79	.....	47.58	.....	61.30
Gap Creek	John Welch	Yuma	J Q Welch	Yuma	1	5	40	45	30	6	.....	4.50	.....	.....	.....	4.50
Howards Creek	E J Norris	Sands	Ola Hayes	Sands	1	5	71	76	32	9	3	2.20	4.29	2.37	.....	8.96
Laurel Spring	Arthur Greene	Virgil	Ora Brown	Virgil	1	7	87	94	32	6	3	4.25	.....	.78	.....	5.03
Liberty Grove	L N Keller	Garren	Glenn Morphew	Riverside	1	8	81	89	38	11	41	19.90	.....	15.00	.....	56.90
Meat Camp	J G Norris	Sands	Clyde Greene	Zionville	1	7	75	82	34	6	.....	4.30	.....	.....	.....	4.30
Middle Fork	Wm Elrod	Blowing Rock	J C Ashley	Blowing Rock	1	5	52	57	12	12	.....	6.19	8.83	.....	.....	15.02
Mt. Calvary	J C Greer	Balm	Jas Shoemaker	Balm	1	6	64	70	12	12	.....	5.53	.....	4.00	1.90	12.43
Mt. Lebanon	I A Bumgarner	Vilas	Mrs Martha Bumgarner	Vilas	1	6	75	81	40	12	.....	4.04	1.65	16.02	16.75	38.56
Mt. Gilead	Geo Lawrence	Beech Creek	Ethel Warren	Beech Creek	1	6	75	81	35	12	2	3.53	.....	11.14	5.00	19.67
Oak Grove	Linney Barnes	Boone	Mattie Barnes	Adams	1	4	28	32	20	9	.....	2.10	.....	.....	.....	2.10

Pleasant Grove	C M Culver	Mabel	Daisy Mast	Zionville	1	8	100	108	1224	13.00																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
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Ordained Ministers

G W Trivett, Sugar Grove, N.C.	C S Farthing, Sweet Water, N.C.
James Bradshaw, Blowing Rock.	J M Farthing, "
J C Carlton, Juliaetta, Idaho.	R D Cross, Boone.
John Norris, Boone,	J F Eller, Vilas.
E M Gragg, Vilas.	I J McGinnis, Vilas.
L A Wilson, Zionville.	R C Eggers Zionville.
W A Pennell "	R L Palmer, Beech Creek.
John Keller, Beech Creek.	Wellington Swift, Reese.
Asa Brown, West Riverside.	I C Miller, Stony Fork.
W A Braswell, Montezuma.	C M Cope, McGuire.
L C Wilson, Watauga Val., Tenn.	W H Michael, Trade, Tenn.

Roll of Messengers

Antioch—W J Farthing, E M Greer.
 Bethel—Alex Hagaman, H H Farthing, W S Farthing.
 Beaver Dam—G P Sherrill, W J Hagaman, W F Reese.
 Bethany—Lee Michael, J E Watson.
 Brushy Fork—T L Mast, Willie Gragg, J H Presnell.
 Blowing Rock—Letter, no messengers.
 Boone—I G Greer.
 Cool Springs—J W Pennell, Q B Cannon.
 Clarks Creek—Letter.
 Cove Creek—D C Mast, E F Sherwood, W Y Perry.
 Elk Knob—W A Johnson.
 Fall Creek—M W Storie, B W Farthing, W B Norris.
 Forest Grove—Smith Hagaman, R E Moody, W R Johnson.
 Gap Creek—Letter.
 Howards Creek—D S Norris, W L Brown, E J Norris.
 Laurel Knob—No letter or messengers.
 Laurel Springs—Lee Greene.
 Liberty Grove—Conley Greene, Cecil Miller.
 Meat Camp—Clyde Brown.
 Middle Fork—R A Shores, Wm Elrod.
 Mt Calvary—W M Shoemaker.
 Mt Lebanon—J W Greene.
 Mt Gillead—Geo Laurence, Thos Stanberry, A T Burton.
 Oak Grove—W M Hodges, Conley Brown, Alfred Adams.
 Pleasant Grove—J R Isaacs.
 Rich Mountain—A B Greene, J A Penley.
 Shulls Mills—G W Robbins, J M Day.
 South Fork—Will H McGuire, Lida Tatum.
 Stony Fork—W H Miller, G L Payne.
 Samson—No letter or messengers.
 Timbered Ridge—J Y Smitherman, A C Greene, Joe Farthing.
 Three Forks—J C Brookshire, J C Brown.
 Union—J F Oliver, T C Norris, R A Thomas.
 Willowdale—John E Brown, F C Ward, D C Dugger.
 Zionville—Geo Roten.
 Zion Hill—M P Edmisten, H A Hagaman.

OBITUARY OF REV. J. J. L. SHERWOOD.

Rev. J. J. L. Sherwood was born in Smith Co., Va. Feb. 7, 1843.

He professed faith in Christ and joined Friendship Baptist church in the year 1859; was licensed to preach by the same church Feb. 5, 1864.

He was ordained to the full work of the ministry by Young's Chapel Baptist church, Grayson county Va., April 14, 1867. He at once began as an active minister of the gospel; faithfully performing his duties as such in Washington and Grayson counties Va., from 1867 until 1882; when he moved to Trade Tenn. where he lived about 18 months; then moved to Watauga Co. in 1883, settling near Sherwood P.O. where he died October 28, 1917. He served many churches in Watauga, Caldwell and Johnson counties. He served his day and generation for more than fifty years as an active pastor. Hundreds have professed faith in Christ under the influence of his preaching. He baptized about 3,500 persons. He was married to Miss Sarah Ann Young of Grayson Co. Va., May 7, 1867. To this union were born eleven children, nine of whom survive.

For more than thirty years Bro. Sherwood was deprived of the companionship of his wife, her ill health making it necessary for her to be kept in the state hospital at Morganton where she died Oct. 10 1917.

During all these years of loneliness he was not heard to murmur or complain; firmly believing in the doctrine of Rom. 8:28: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God; to them who are called according to His purpose." From which text Rev. M. A. Adams preached his funeral, at Bro. Sherwood's own request.

Bro. Sherwood was a student all his life. Few men have lived in Watauga who were more conversant with profane or sacred history than he. He was a profound student of the Bible, having read it through about 85 times besides his topical reading. He took it as the supreme authority on faith and practice. Three Forks association has not had a more able or fearless expounder of the gospel and doctrine of the Bible. He was an orator of unusual ability; always speaking with earnestness and power. Socially, he had few superiors. In prayer he was a power. Bro. Sherwood was elected Moderator of the Three Forks association in Aug. 1912, which place he filled with an earnest zeal until he died. He walks no more with us, but the works that he did, do follow him.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Y. Perry, E. F. Sherwood, D. C. Mast, Com.

OBITUARY OF REV. W. M. CANNON.

The subject of this sketch was born near Blowing Rock, Watauga county, N. C., in the year 1851 A. D., and died Nov. 27, 1917.

He was the son of Alfred Cannon, who moved to the western part of said county, now Avery county, where Fall Creek church now stands.

In the year 1877 he was married to Miss Elizabeth McBride, daughter of Rev. Brazilla McBride.

At the age of nineteen, he professed faith in Christ and joined the Baptist church at Beech Mountain and was baptized into the fellowship of that church by Rev. Leonard Buchanan. After some years he had an impression to preach the gospel, and the church granted him the privilege to go and preach, and he made such an impression that it called for his ordination, and about the year 1893 he was ordained to the full work of the gospel. His ordination was set apart by Elders D. C. Harman, A. D. Harman and J. L. Younce.

He was a good revival worker and led many souls to Christ.

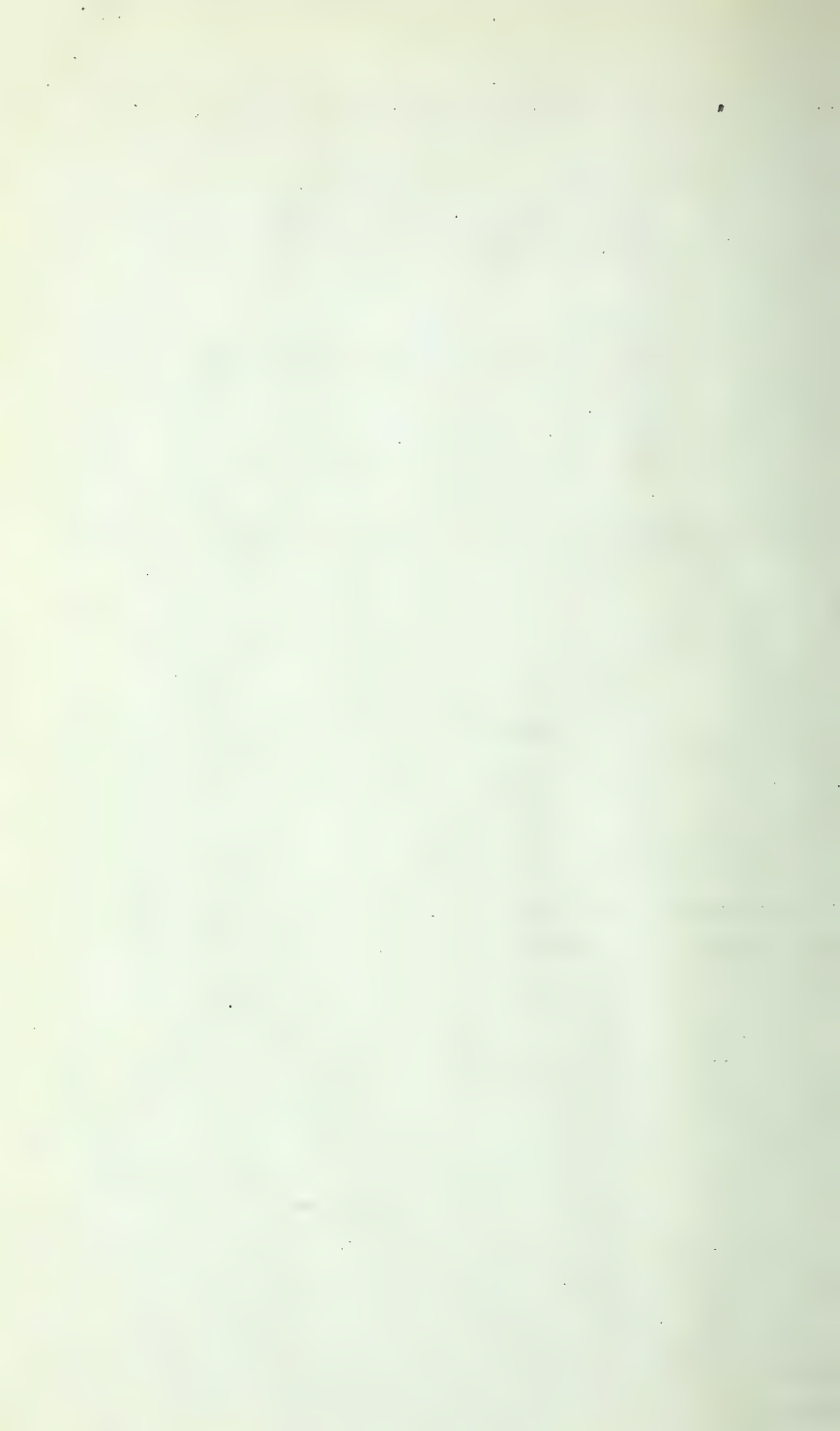
Bro. Cannon was a devoted husband and father. He and his companion moved their membership to Fall Creek, where he remained a member until the summons said, Bro. Cannon you have finished your work on earth, come up higher, there is a crown for you.

M. W. Storie, R. L. Palmer, Com.

MINUTES
OF THE
79TH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
THREE FORKS
Baptist Association
HELD WITH
UNION BAPTIST CHURCH
WATAUGA COUNTY, N. C.,
August 26, & 27,
1919.

The next session of this association to be held at Gap Creek Church, 12 miles east of Boone, N. C., beginning at 10 a. m. Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August 1920.

Elder J. H. Farthing to preach the introductory sermon;
alternate, Elder J. F. Eller.



MINUTES
OF THE
THREE FORKS BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL SESSION LXXIX

TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 26, 1919.

Three Forks Baptist Association met this day in its 79th annual session in the house of worship of Union Baptist church at 10 o'clock a. m. After singing, "They wont have to wait long for me," and "I'm on my way to glory," L. A. Wilson led in prayer, after which R. C. Eggers read 4 chapt. of 1st Cor., down to 14 verse. R. C. Eggers then led in prayer. "The Sweet bye and bye was sung.

R. C. Eggers, the appointee from last association, announced as his text, Ezekiel 37 chapt., 11 verse. After the sermon Will Pennell led in prayer. "I'll live on was sung.

The moderator called for the church letters that had not been sent to the Clerk as was advised by the last association.

The term of office of the present officers having expired, D. C. Mast moved that M. A. Adams be instructed to cast the ballot of this association for the present officers, Smith Hagaman Moderator, W. Y. Perry, Clerk. He so cast the ballot.

The report on Order of Business was read and adopted.

Correspondents and visitors were invited to announce themselves. J. F. Spainhour from Catawba River, J. Z. Perry from Mecklenburg associations, M. A. Adams, representing Recorder and other things announced themselves.

The Standing Coms. were then read and absentees supplied.

Chas Culver and E. B. Hardin were appointed on Finance Com.

T. L. Mast and J. J. Glenn were appointed as Com. on obituaries. On Time Place and Preacher: J. W. Pennell, Lee Green, Solomon Younce, W. T. Vandyke.

On Religious Exercises: Pastor and Messengers of Union church.

R. D. Cross read the report on

BOOKS and PERIODICALS

The strength of an army lies, very largely, in its leadership. To be a great leader one must know and know that he knows.

The larger work of the Kingdom, likewise, depends very much on the knowledge and wisdom of its leadership. The extent of the activities of the church will depend very much on the information of the individual member.

For permanent growth, individually or denominationally, we must depend upon real information and inspiration rather than upon emotion, which soon passes away.

Putting good literature in the home is the best way to keep out bad.

For N. C. Baptists there is no other paper quite so good as the Biblical Recorder. It is the only paper that supports and gives information about every activity of the Baptists of our State. To a Baptist it is the Second Book of the Acts,—the Acts of the 20th century Baptists of North Carolina.

To know more about our foreign work we must have The Home and Foreign Fields, a periodical devoted to information about our Home and Foreign Mission work.

To keep constantly in touch with our benevolent work we must read Charity and Children, our Orphanage paper.

To be a well rounded up active church member, full of inspiration and capable of larger service, every Baptist should be a constant reader of these three papers, as they cover every phase of Baptist activities in the world.

John Norris, Committee.

W. S. Farthing, A. J. Greene, J. F. Spainhour, and R. D. Cross discussed the above report. Report adopted.

Adjourned for one hour. Benediction by C. S. Farthing.

TUESDAY EVENING

The association reassembled to the singing of "What Will It Be." John Norris led in prayer

The association was called to order by the Moderator.

Wm. Elrod read the report on

TEMPERANCE

We note with pleasure the progress made in restraining the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks, but to be temperate means a great deal more than refraining from strong drink; in fact it means self control of our appetites, passions and habits, so in a general way we have failed to make any appreciable progress. Our people are engaging in many things that are almost as harmful as the drink habit. One of these things is the cigarette habit which is as fearful in its results upon those who follow it as the drink habit. There are a great many other evils too numerous to mention, but the important question that confronts us is: How shall we most successfully combat these evils of intemperance? Would it be enough if we could drive drink and tobacco out of reach of our people? We answer No! We can see but little difference in the moral standing of the individual who does not participate in these things only for lack of opportunity, and the one who does when opportunity presents itself.

And now while the warfare is being waged against whiskey, our people in their desperation are trying to satisfy their appetites with drugs, more injurious when used to excess, than whiskey itself hence we conclude that our people are in need of something that we are unable to give. Christ in his intercessory prayer, prayed not

that His people be taken out of the world, but that the Father keep them from the evil of the world. We all have to be kept by the power of God if we would withstand the many temptations that come to us in this life. We as God's professed people ought to be very careful to instruct the people about the fearful consequences in this life and the life to come, of intemperance.

May we so fully commit ourselves to the keeping of the God of all grace that we may inspire those by whom we are surrounded, and let us pray that they like Daniel will purpose in their hearts that they will not yield to any temptation that will in any way defile them, and may we all realize the truth expressed by the poet in the verse of song "Yield not to temptation for yielding is sin, Each victory will help us some other to win Fight manfully onward, dark passions to subdue Look ever to Jesus he'll carry us through."

Wm. Elrod, C. S. Farthing, Com.

Report discussed by Wm. Elrod, Geo. Roten, W. S. Farthing, L. C. Wilson, C. S. Farthing, W. Y. Perry, John Norris, J. F. Wilson, Hester Farthing, C. J. Cottrell, R. D. Cross, J. F. Spainhour.

Report adopted.

G. P. Sherrill read the report on

PASTORAL SUPPORT

Church life depends upon Pastoral life; this order cannot be reversed or changed.

In our gradual development of denominational activities we have come to the time when almost all of our church members will admit the scriptural obligation of the church to support its pastor; but the extent of this support is still largely in question.

We are strongly of the opinion that at this point lies our most serious dandicap in the larger work of our churches, and in fact, the more active and deeper spiritual life of the individual Christian.

From some cause the number of our active pastors has decreased to less than one half what it was ten years ago. This is a state of affairs that demands our serious consideration.

A failure to support a pastor so that he may be a Bible ideal pastor—"giving himself wholly to these things",—always results in the depreciation of church life in every phase and part.

To meet the problem squarely, the churches of this association will be compelled to take up the support of pastors in a way that will enable them to devote more time to preparation and active and actual pastoral work, and demand this of them, or we, in our humble opinion, will suffer some serious consequences from our and their failure to do so. Respectfully submitted.

G. P. Sherrill.

L. A. Wilson read the report on

DUTIES OF PASTORS TO THEIR CHURCHES

The duties of pastors to their churches depend largely on what the churches do for their pastors. The pastor should know the spiritual needs of their churches, but the pastor can never know the spiritual

need of his people and get into their hearts, until he first goes into their homes. The pastor that does his uttermost to visit all the homes of his people is a true pastor indeed, other wise he is not.

The pastor should be a teacher of the Word in the homes as well as in the pulpit, every pastor should denounce error, whether taught in the church or on the out side of it. It is the duty of every pastor to do his utmost to lead the sinner to Christ whether private or public. The pastors should study and preach the Word, be instant in season and out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with long suffering and doctrine. Christ went before his disciples saying follow me, so should the pastor set the same example before his flock in every good work, and not act as a Pope or Lord over his flock in any wise, he should paint sin as black as hell, and make the path of the just correspondingly bright, he should visit the sick, bury the dead, comfort the bereaved, strengthen the weak, and the distressed, and those that have to baffle with the waves of adversity. In short, no call of distress or need should ever reach the pastor's ears in vain.

Respectfully submitted, L. A. Wilson, Com.

Reports discussed by J. F. Spainhour, M. A. Adams commended the speech of Bro. Spainhour, R. D. Cross read some scriptures on the subject. Reports adopted.

J. R. Isaacs read the report on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday-school is our greatest agency for bringing young converts into the church. It also furnishes our greatest opportunity to give instruction in the Scriptures, and to emphasize our Baptist principles. With these important facts before us, your committee would make the following suggestions:

1. Our Sunday-schools need better trained teachers. This is perhaps the weakest point about our Sunday-schools. We feel that every church should see to it that their Sunday-school teachers attend a school for a few days every year, and take a course in the Sunday-school Manual. In fact it would help every church if it had one of these schools for a week during the coming year.

2. If the officers and teachers of the Sunday-school would meet once a week, and discuss methods, lay plans and study the Sunday-school lesson together, it would wonderfully improve our schools.

3. We need to interest more people in our Sunday-schools, and especially do we need to interest our church members. In some sections of our county and state, the coming of good roads and the automobile have greatly decreased the attendance in Sunday-school. Our own church members take Sunday for pleasure trips instead of going to Sunday-school. The majority, if not all of our Sunday-schools had to close last winter on account of influenza, but since this is past, let us make every effort to get our people to see that the most important

thing that they can do on the Sabbath is to observe the great commandment: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

If we will follow these suggestions your committee feels that our Sunday-schools will be greatly improved during the coming year.

Geo. Roten, J. R. Isaacs, Com.

Geo. Roten, J. R. Isaacs, W. S. Farthing, M. A. Adams, J. F. Spainhour discussed the report. Report adopted.

The Clerk read the report of

THE EXECUTIVE COM.

Report of the Executive Committee of the Three Forks Association, the session of 1919.

Dear Fellow-Workers:

We are coming for the first time to render an account of our stewardship for the past year. We were greatly hindered getting the work underway on account of the Flu. At your last session, you instructed us to co-operate with the Home and State Boards in securing a general man for our association. This we succeeded in doing on the following basis: The man to preach two Sundays locally and have whatever came in as a part of his remuneration and the State and Home Boards providing the remainder, the man to work under the direction of the Executive Com., and to make reports monthly to the State and Home Boards, and annually to this body through their Ex. Com., of all the moneys collected in our association and disbursed, and the work done. We were fortunate in securing the services of brother M. A. Adams for this work. He began his work the first of May. Our report covers the work for the three months ending the first of Aug., that being the end of our associational year. The work indicated for Bro. Adams to do was to hold meetings, Institutes, aid in every member canvasses, aid in forming fields, wherever desired, and in any general development work that might need to be done and wherever opportunity presented itself. Bro. Adams was permitted to preach locally two Sundays in each month but no more, and then, whenever any churches desired to go into the field he was to relinquish them. It is desirable that the general man shall not have any local work at all and so soon as possible it is best for this to be the policy of our work.

The following is the tabulated report of the work done from May 1 to Aug. 1:

1	Sermons and addresses	111
2	Days of service	79
3	Miles traveled	500
4	Meetings and Institutes held	7
5	Churches regularly supplied	3

6 Churches visited 16 Including those in Ashe.

7 Money raised for Benevolences as follows:

a	Foreign Missions.....	\$69.90
b	Home Missions.....	67.50
c	State Missions.....	54.33
d	Education.....	11.60
e	Ministers Relief.....	7.40
f	Sunday Schools.....	9.40
g	Orphanage.....	41.74
h	Other object.....	6.46
i	Securities and notes Ed.....	70.00
Total for benevolences		\$324.33
Amount raised for local purposes.....		219.65
Total cash raised.....		544.08
Expenses for the work.....		13.50

The Home and State Boards have contributed \$220.00 to the support of Bro. Adams and the remainder has come from the two sundays preaching, and not one penny from the associations. There is a private subscription for the expense account and any deficit that may arise for the work that not one penny of the money from the churches should be used. Most of the money that has come in has come mainly from evangelistic meetings and has been divided equally between Foreign, Home and State Missions.

Counting the income from all sources the work has paid expenses by more than \$100.00, besides the work mentioned. Bro. Adams has raised money enough and material to put under way a good house of worship at Willowdale, and also aided in making the canvass for the house of worship in contemplation by the saints at Cove Creek.

He also went over in Ashe and aided in getting together a field of churches that is now ready to call a pastor and the increase in pastors salary alone was over three hundred per cent. The work is intended to be helpful along all lines. For the remainder of the year Bro. Adams will give his time to the 75 Million Dollar Campaign.

We make the following suggestions:

1 That the work be continued as begun in co-operation with our Home and State Boards and be prosecuted along the same lines under the direction of the Executive Committee of the association.

2 That if it shall appear advisable, that our association co-operate with one or more associations in this work.

We feel grateful at the beginning of this work and feel greatly encouraged for the work done and most earnestly ask the favor of our Heavenly Father upon it. Respectfully submitted,

Smith Hagaman, W. Y. Perry, I. G. Greer, T. P. Adams, D. C. Mast.

The Executive Com. also elected Bro. A. J. Greene as Colporteur of the association.

Report discussed by R. D. Cross, W. S. Farthing, J. H. Farthing, Geo. W. Robins, Smith Hagaman, C. S. Farthing, and adopted.

On motion the report of the Com. on the State of the Churches was passed over until tomorrow. M. A. Adams was added to the Com. on State of the Churches.

On motion adjourned until tomorrow at 8:30, R. D. Cross to conduct devotional exercises. Benediction by J. F. Eller.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The worship was begun by singing "All hail the power of Jesus' name" followed by "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

R. D. Cross read some portions of Scriptures and explained same.

G. P. Sherrill led in prayer, followed by M. A. Adams, R. D. Cross closing. Jesus Lover of My Soul was then sung.

The moderator called the house to order.

The roll of messengers was called and absentees erased.

R. D. Cross read the report on

STATE MISSIONS

1. The greatest argument for the work is the history of our growth.

In 1830 when the Baptist State Convention was organized, there were about 30,000 Baptists in the state. About half of them had some desire to do something and came into the convention; the other half wanted to do nothing, and they have done it; but they are fewer now than they were then, while the others have grown to nearly 300,000 white Baptists, and nearly 25,000 churches. If when our people got out from the hardshells, they had gotten all the hardshellism out of them, what might we have done?

2. State Mission work is done by the State Convention Board, composed of 21 men at large and one delegate from each one of the 65 associations co-operating with the Convention.

3. For convenience and emphasis the work is divided into seven departments:

1. Evangelism, first and foremost, is done by 159 men in 40 associations, who serve mission stations, act as pastors of weak churches, hold meetings, baptize, and endeavor to enlist all the members in all the work of the Lord.

2. Aiding in the erection of houses of worship, when churches are organized. We are putting about \$10,000 into this work this year.

3. Colportage, or use of the printed page, 3 departments, books sold by colporteurs, tracts given away, and increased circulation of the Biblical Recorder.

4. Sunday School department managed by a secretary whose work is to train and prepare workers to do better work in our schools and to organize more through these workers.

5. B. Y. P. U. work, managed by a secretary to organize and train our young people to become efficient workers in our churches.

6. Woman's Work, managed by a secretary. There are more than 1500 societies in the 32 years of their work, and 15,000 women in them; but there 120,000 not in them.

7. Special training camps for the rank and file of our people. These are of two classes. a. Summer assemblies, one at Wrightsville and one at Ridgecrest, where leaders of national reputation give lectures day after day. b. The other is the mobile schools, patterned after the training of the twelve apostles by the Lord. This comes to the people and will endeavor in five years to train 100,000 members in our churches.

R. D. Cross.

Will H. McGuire read the report on

HOME MISSIONS

In America there are about 60 million people, 23 million of them in the South, who make no profession of religion; and to these people the Home Mission Board has 1500 missionaries in the field, working in thousands of communities to give the gospel of Jesus Christ to these millions, to train and enlist dormant Christians and churches in the work of letting God save these, our own people, and laying a broad foundation upon which to build the work of giving the world the gospel, and certainly Christianity must win in America or it will lose elsewhere, as we must be an example of the worth of Christianity if we expect to win in the broader field.

Therefore Home Missions is eminently worthy of our loyal support and profoundest devotion.

The Southern Baptist Convention has apportioned \$12,000,000 to Home Missions, and this association should come to the front with its share in this great work.

Last year this association reported \$352.38, or less than one dime per member for Home Missions. Can we not do better than this? Will not our folks gladly bear their share of the appropriation for the advancement of the Home Mission work?

Will H. McGuire, Com.

W. S. Farthing read the report on

FOREIGN MISSIONS

One hundred years ago, Foreign Missionary work by the Baptists of America was in its infancy. Adoniram Judson who crossed the ocean in 1812, was not only the first Baptist Foreign Missionary, but also the first Christian Missionary from the United States, and his

conversion to the Baptist faith, while on his journey across the water, led to the first organization of Baptists in our Republic for the prosecution of Foreign Missions and Richard Furman of S. C. was the first president of that body.

Judson and his wife were at once accepted as their missionaries with Burma as their field.

Our southern brethren continued to labor with our northern brethren in the work until the year 1845, when the Southern Baptist Convention was organized. After that they have had a separate and distinct organization for carrying on the work, and they have sent forth their own missionaries.

At the beginning the contributions were necessarily small. Many brethren remember when Southern Baptists first rejoiced that their annual contributions to Foreign Missions exceeded the \$100,000 mark, since which time they have steadily grown in volume till in the last conventional year, the Board expended around \$1,000,000 in Foreign Missionary work, and 4 states went beyond the \$100,000 mark.

In the year 1918 there were 505 churches in the territory cultivated by the missionaries of our Board of Foreign Missions; out stations 1096; church members 49659; baptisms 5635. Of these 505 churches 143 are self supporting and they raised during the year \$173,872.00.

Three hundred and three of the churches own houses of worship. There were 760 Sunday-schools with an enrollment of 36115 scholars.

We have now 328 foreign missionaries and 771 native missionaries. We have 14 foreign missionary physicians who gave 129,298 treatments.

The past century, considering the obstacles that have been in the way, has been a glorious century for Southern Baptists in their foreign missionary achievements, but owing to the natural expansion of the work and the changed conditions brought about by the World war, greater opportunities are opening upon us, and if the plans and ideals of our great Baptist leaders of the South are to materialize there will be a demand for a greater number of workers on the foreign fields and greater resources with which to prosecute the work.

But if the great 75 million dollar drive should go over the top it will give us more money with which to sustain and expand the foreign missionary work of the Southern Convention, but in order for that to take place, we shall need the prayers and the help of every one of our 3,000,000 Baptists of the South—men, women and children which includes every member of the Three Forks Association.

Brethren of the association, shall we be factors in accomplishing this colossal enterprise? Shall we be factors in giving the gospel to the dark continents? Shall we be factors in the regeneration and re-

construction of the war-torn countries of Europe and Asia?

Let the results of Victory Week answer the questions.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. Farthing, W. S. Farthing, Com.

M. A. Adams read the report on the

75 MILLION DOLLAR CAMPAIGN

The Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Atlanta, Ga., in May with twice as many messengers in attendance as at any former meeting, determined with unity of purpose and loyalty of spirit to raise 75 million dollars in the next five years for the enlargement of their work in missions, education, and benevolence. The following considerations evidently led them to purpose this mammoth movement for Christ:

- 1 The vastness of the World War and the greatness of America's part in reconstruction, put on Southern Baptists a new responsibility in the world's spiritual regeneration.
- 2 Baptist conviction and policy demanding a course of separation from the unionizing and confederating movements about them, made Baptists see that if they are to go straight on in the New Testament-determined course, and carry out Christ's demand on them in the world's spiritual regeneration, they must multiply their efforts to enlarge their work.
- 3 Their great numbers, with increasing wealth, brought to them a sense of great responsibility.
- 4 They realized as never before the need of a greater equipment for all their churches, schools, orphanages, hospitals, and other agencies.
- 5 They saw anew that if democracy is to be made safe for the world the peoples of the earth must be enlightened and that this democracy must be dominated by the spirit of the gospel of Christ.
- 6 They saw a larger duty to aged ministers who have fought against odds with a sacrifice greater than we are asked to make, and included in this campaign a Southwide movement to establish an adequate fund for their relief.
- 7 A deeper compassion for lost souls swayed the hearts of our people throughout the South.

What will success in this campaign do with Baptists?

- 1 It will call us to prayer as never before, If we are to win, we must do it by the way of the Throne through importunate supplication.
- 2 It will test our faith, and we will hear Him saying unto us: "Be it unto you according to your faith." We will thus make in modern Baptist history another Eleventh Chapter of Hebrews.
- 3 It will test our unity and the efficiency of our organization. We

will never impair the doctrine of the rights of the individual conscience and the independence of the local churches, but we will magnify and manifest to the world the unifying power of a common faith, convictions and purpose, in our effective mobilization of all spiritual forces in our democracy under the Lordship of our only Master.

4 The success of this campaign will fathom the depths of our sacrificial giving, and tell how we decide between Christ and money. What will the campaign and the successful issue of it do for Baptists?

1 It will enable them to greatly multiply and strengthen their missionary agencies at home and abroad.

2 It will almost double the efficiency of our Christian schools.

3 It will enable Baptists to increase their hospital efficiency for the cure of the sick and suffering, and enlarge our facilities for the support of hundreds of orphans who cry daily for our care.

4 It will bring to us a spirit of revival quickening. It will call out the called. It will deepen our passion for lost souls, enlist the indifferent, and engage us all for larger service.

5 It will provide Baptists a better opportunity to deliver their message and set forth their doctrines of the rights of conscience, separation of church and state, the integrity of the Scriptures, the Lordship of Christ, and the freedom of the local churches under Him, from any lordship of popes, priests, bishops, and all other ecclesiastical autocracies.

The Executive Committee has apportioned the 75 million to the states. Our state appropriation is \$6,000,000. Our state forces have apportioned to our association \$....., and this amount has been divided among our churches. As loyal servants of our Lord and faithful messengers of His gospel, we are asked to join this movement with the most coöperant spirit and self-sacrificing way.

We, therefore, heartily recommend that this association accept joyfully its apportionment, and that we pledge ourselves to aid in effecting the best organization possible for the raising of our quota until success crowns our cause and then join in jubilant praise to God for victory."

The moderator, on account of the great question before us for discussion, called the association to a season of prayer, led by J. H. Farthing.

A motion prevailed that preaching be suspended at the stand for the 11 o'clock service to discuss the mission reports.

R. D. Cross discussed the call of the 75 Million Dollar campaign, M. A. Adams followed in the discussion emphasizing the greatness of the task. J. H. Farthing further discussed the reports. Another series

of sentence prayers was conducted by M. A. Adams.

The above reports were all adopted.

I. G. Greer read the report on Education and led the discussion.

EDUCATION

Christian education is education under Christian direction for Christian ends. A Christian School is a school founded, maintained and conducted by Christian people. Such a school, in addition to the usual curriculum, must make its students acquainted with Christianity in its origin and character, and especially in its great program for the conquest of the world.

Schools supported by taxation in this country are necessarily limited in their effort to incorporate religion into their educational program. Here is a work which the Christian school can do without handicap; a work so important that it amply justifies the double taxation involved in its support.

Our Baptist institutions are in the hands of the Baptist people. We have in North Carolina three Colleges and thirteen secondary schools that must be maintained by our denomination. Out of the seventy five million dollars now being raised by Southern Baptists, north Carolina will give \$1,466,667 for education. We urge that our people support these institutions with their influence, with their money, and by sending their children to them for instruction. Your committee further suggests that our churches take advantage of the Mobile schools that are taught in every association in the state. They are spiritual, they are inspirational, and they lay emphasis on the fundamental doctrines of our faith. We fear that our Baptist parents are not keeping in as close touch with their boys and girls as they should and are neglecting to make the home a place of spiritual and educational influence.

The last half century, the greatest half century of the world's history, has made many advances in mechanical devices and in human efficiency. There has been, however, in its progress, a drift in education from culture to craft, from character to concessions, from personality to paymaster, from men to money. As a result, we have permitted certain ideas to creep into our educational thought, that threaten to undermine our political, social, and educational institutions. The supreme aim of education should be to make men and women. We believe that character is more important than mere intellectual knowledge, and a trained conscience more valuable than mere education. The supreme question of life is not intellectual but spiritual, is not what men and women know but what they are.

If we Baptists of the Three Forks Association could fully realize that it is worth more to invest our money, our influence and our

thought, in the life of a little child than in lands, stocks and bonds, we would catch a new vision of life. Let us save the world from the chaos that is now threatening, by lifting our people to a higher plane of Christian intelligence.

Report adopted.

Adjourned for one hour. Benediction by L. A. Wilson.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

"Will you come" was sung. C. S. Farthing led in prayer.

A letter of dismission was granted to Laurel Knob church to join Ashe county association.

Mrs. D. F. Horton read the report on

WOMAN'S WORK

At the close of another year, this being the sixth year of the Union in our association, we make our report to you with very humble yet very grateful hearts. We realize that we have made mistakes and failures which we deeply regret but we believe that God's blessings has been upon every honest effort and that His Spirit guides as we endeavor to enlist our women in the things of the Kingdom.

We have six Woman's Missionary societies in our association, two of these, Bethel and South Fork, having been organized this year with a membership of 130, and also some Junior societies.

We report this year \$293 70, an increase of 105 % over last year.

There are about 1,820 women in the Three Forks association. If these were enlisted in the organized work what kind of report could we expect next year? And yet it is not so much a matter of securing gifts for our mission enterprises, but a matter of training our women and children in mission thought and activity, and by so doing laying a foundation for larger things in the years to come.

To the pastors and layman of our association who have given us their loyal cooperation and sympathy we owe a debt of gratitude, and we ask from the brotherhood a broader interest in our efforts to organize and train the women and children of our churches in mission thought and giving. And we beg that the pastors and layman will pray earnestly and faithfully for the guidance of the Holy spirit in our work, and that they help us in enlisting the women of our churches.

We your committee ask that every church send a representative to the Woman's annual meeting at Cove Creek Sept. 16th.

Respectfully,

Mrs. D. F. Horton.

The discussion of Woman's Work was led by L. C. Wilson. M. A. Adams also spoke to the report followed by J. F. Spainhour.

Report adopted.

R. D. Cross read the report on

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

This is one of the objects of benevolence in the Seventy five Million dollar campaign and applies to all the states of the Southern Baptist Convention. But for a quarter of a century the Baptist State Convention has been raising a fund for the old worn out and disabled ministers.

One third of the money raised has been invested as an endowment fund; and the interest on this endowment and two thirds of all that is raised for this object goes to the relief of these disabled servants of the Lord who have given themselves to the building up of the kingdom of our Lord. In this time of the high cost of living the need is great. As we do this liberally we are somewhat making amends for the failure of giving them an ample support in the past, and can make their declining days, days of happiness.

G. W. Robbins, Elbert Farthing, Com.

A motion prevailed to limit all speeches to 10 minutes.

G. W. Robbins spoke to the report of Ministerial Relief.
Report adopted.

The report on Baptist Orphanage was read by J. F. Eller, also discussed by him, followed by G. P. Sherrill. Report adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

We your committee beg to submit the following:

The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville is an institution that should be dear to every Baptist in the state and one in which we should all be deeply interested.

Caring for the homeless orphans is a solemn Christian duty that should appeal to all those who love the Lord Jesus Christ. As the Apostle James says: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and the widow in their afflictions," therefore we urge that the churches and Sunday-schools see to it that this injunction of the word of the Lord be carried out to the fullest extent possible and in contributing to our orphanage we are carrying out this injunction.

We urge that every Sunday-school in this association contribute liberally to this object weekly.

We cannot too strongly urge the importance of caring for these homeless and fatherless ones. The welfare of our country demands it, Christianity demands it, and God himself demands it.

We attempt no statistics as all of our people should read Charity and Children and keep posted on this line.

J. F. Eller, Com.

Mrs. D. F. Horton sends the following with request that it be inserted in these Minutes.—The Printer.

MINUTES OF THE W. M. U.

The fifth annual meeting of the W. M. U. of the Three Forks association met with the Cove Creek Baptist church Sept. 16, 1919.

Opening session Tuesday morning 10:30, Mrs. D.F. Horton pres.

Prayer led by Mrs. W. W. Wilson who read Matt. 16 and John 15 emphasizing prayer to be the great power behind the 75,000,000 campaign.

A welcome was extended the Union by the Supt. Response by Mrs. Mary Shoun of Mountain City, Tenn.

The roll of churches was called and representatives recognized as follows:— Boone 9, Bethel 10, Forest Grove 5, Beaver Dam 2, Willowdale 2, Cove Creek 14. A number of visitors were present and made encouraging remarks. Miss Bertha Carroll the Sec. of our N. C. Union, Mrs. Shoun the Supt. of the Watauga association, Tenn Mrs. Reece Mtn. City, and brethren Smith Hagaman and Roy Gragg.

The 75-million campaign was discussed by M. A. Adams.

Reports were read from all the societies which were encouraging.

Lecture on Mission Literature by Miss Bertha Carroll.

The Chair appointed the following committees:

On Time and Place—Mrs. Nan Johnson, Mrs. R. M. Greene.

Recommendations—Mrs. Smith Hagaman, Mrs. I. G. Greer.

Nominations—Mrs. Ed Coffey, Mrs. E. Swift, Mrs. Lora Wilson.

Song: "Come Thou Almighty King."

Adjourned with prayer by brother M. A. Adams.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 P. M. Mrs. Reece of Mtn. City led devotional service, reading Acts 1 chapt. praying that the women might be enlisted in service for the Master.

A message from the Watauga Union by Mrs. Mary Shoun.

Prayer: Its place and power in the Kingdom. Mrs. Bud Trivett.

Memory verses by all, touching on prayer..

A special prayer for the Union by Miss Bertha Carroll.

Report on Obituaries.

Boone Resolutions were read for sister Calvin Cottrell that recommended her example of Christian service, her patient and gentle spirit and her abiding faith in God.

Cove Creek resolutions were read for Sisters Mollie Bradley and Bessie D. Wilson, recommending that their example of truly Christian living find a place in the admiration and affection of our entire union.

The 75-million campaign was very ably discussed by Miss Carroll.

The committee on time and place recommend that we meet at Bethel church in annual session Saturday before the 3d Sunday in Sept. 1920, which was adopted.

With Miss Carroll in the chair the Nominating committee made the following report:

We recommend the election of our former officers, Mrs D. F. Horton Supt., Mrs. I. G. Greer Ast., Mrs J. M. Moretz Sec. & Treas.

The report was adopted and Mrs. Horton resumed the chair.

The President appointed Mrs W. W. Wilson as Junior Superintendent for the Union.

The following recommendations were read by Mrs. I. G. Greer and adopted by the body.

Your committee on Recommendations would suggest

1 That the proceedings of our annual meeting be furnished in condensed form to the Clerk of the association with a request that he have them inserted in the minutes of the association, and that we pay any additional cost of printing.

We would recommend:

2 That our Union do more reading, and that we, through our officers place a lot of good literature, relative to our work, in the hands of the women of the churches of this association that do not have a woman's missionary society.

3 That we, the women of this association, carry out as far as possible the plans of the state and local organizers of the 75 million campaign; that we as individuals respond heartily with our service as well as with our money.

Furthermore that the women of every society form a prayer league as early as possible in the campaign, realizing that upon prayer the success of the campaign depends.

Miss Bertha Carroll served as committee on Resolutions.

Minutes read and aproved.

After singing "God will take care of you," the Union adjourned with prayer by the Superintendent.

LIST OF SOCIETIES.

Church	Leader	Address	No. members
Cove Creek	Mrs. Irene McBride,	Sherwood.	27
Boone	Mrs. I. G. Greer.		30
Blowing Rock	Mrs. J. D. Brown.		7
Forest Grove	Mrs. Alice Moody.		28
Bethel	Mrs. W. W. Farthing.		30

W. M. U. TABLE.

Church	Foreign	L. Tr. home	home	Ch B'g	Bible	W, C'n	Ed. State	Expen.	Total
	Sch'l		T Off	fund	China				
Cove Creek	9.70	3.50	6.55		25.00	69.00	8.80	2.70	125.25
Boone	8.00	7.50		4.00	26.00				45.50
Blowing Rock	7.50	2.00	8.00	11.00		32.00	11.00		71.50
Forest Grove	11.75	2.65	6.60	5.00	25.00		5.15		61.45
Bethel		7.00							7.00

Report on Digest of Letters was read by W. T. Vandyke. Adopted.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

We your committee on Digest of Letters report the following from 34 churches.

J. Frank Wilson)
W. T. Vandyke } Com.

Value of Church Property \$32,350, Received by Baptism 81, Received by Letter 52, Received by Restoration 8, Lost by Letter 87, Lost by Exclusion 39, Lost by Death 43, Male Members 1,488, Female Members 2,018, Paid Pastors \$2,650.91, Building and Repairs \$303.41, Incidentals 497.96, S. S. Expenses \$252.44, Poor \$182.60, Minute Fund \$45.66, State Missions \$274.67, Home Missions \$226.70, Foreign Missions \$396.91, Orphanage \$652.79, Old Ministers' Relief \$52.47, Ministerial Education 3.39, Evangelism \$34.27, S. S. Missions \$63.29, Other Objects \$242.17, Pastoral Aid \$64.04, Armenian Relief Fund \$201.37, Associational Missions \$27.17, Christian Education 700.72, Charity and Children \$7.47.

The report of the committee on Nominations was read by W. S. Farthing and adopted.

NOMINATIONS

Your Com. would recommend for member of State Board of Missions: Smith Hagaman.

For Executive Committee: T. P. Adams, G. P. Hagaman, I. G. Greer, Newton Howell, D. C. Mast, with the Moderator and Clerk of this body.

For Associational Vice Pres. F. M. Board: W. Y. Perry.

" Sunday School Secretary: Roy Gragg

As Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: Smith Hagaman, R. D. Cross, D. D. Dougherty.

As Delegates to Baptist State Convention: J. F. Eller, J. H. Farthing, M. A. Adams, I. G. Greer, D. C. Mast, W. E. Elrod.

As Correspondents to Ashe Asso.: John Norris, W. N. Howell, Roby Eggers, W. H. McGuire, R. D. Cross, M. A. Adams.

To Stony Fork Asso. M. A. Adams, J. W. Brown, C. S. Farthing.

" Caldwell Co. Asso.: R. D. Cross, E. M. Gragg, D. C. Mast.

" Watauga Asso.: R. L. Palmer, Wellington Swift, Wagner Reese, C. S. Farthing, Roy Dotson,

" Mitchell Co. Asso.: G. W. Robbins, J. F. Eller, J. H. Farthing.

Any member in good standing at home is authorized to report himself as a Corresponding Messenger to any association with which we have correspondence. Respectfully submitted.

W. S. Farthing, Com.

TABLE 1.-- STATISTICAL

CHURCH	PASTOR	P. O.	CLERK	P. O.	Time of Preaching	Value of Ch. Property	Received by Baptism	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Lost by Letter	Excluded	No. of Males	No. of Females	Total Membership
Antioch	J. H. Farthing	Sweet Water,	N. C. G. H. Rowe,	Sugar Grove	N. C. 3	\$1000	2	1	1	3	4	65	75	140
Bethel	W. Swift	Reese,	"	W. S. Farthing	Sweet Water	4	400	18	5	10	5	75	89	164
Beaver Dam	J. H. Farthing	Sweet Water	John Sherrill	Reese	1	500			1	2	1	58	77	135
Bethany	C. S. Farthing	Sugar Grove	L. M. Farthing	Hackett	1	500				1		27	18	45
Blowing Rock	R. D. Cross	Boone	W. M. Francum	Blowing Rock	1	1200	7	10		2	1	48	63	111
Brushy Fork	D. M. Wheeler	Bamboo	J. H. Presnell	Vilas	2	1000	2	1	1	1	2	76	64	140
Boone	R. D. Cross	Boone	W. R. Gragg	Boone	2-4	8500	6	5		5	2	68	75	143
Cove Creek	R. D. Cross	Boone	D. C. Mast	Sugar Grove	3	1000				4	4	42	71	113
Cool Springs	I. C. Miller	Buffalo	Q. B. Cannon	Blowing Rock	2	550				2		38	46	84
Clarks Creek	C. S. Farthing	Sugar Grove	G. W. Rowe	Valle Crucis	2	500						15	26	41
Fall Creek	R. L. Palmer	Beech Creek	W. B. Norris	Heaton	2	300				1	1	29	16	45
Forest Grove	J. H. Farthing	Sweet Water	W. R. Johnson	Vilas	2	800	20	1	11	1	1	60	86	146
Gap Creek	Levi Greene	Hopkins	H. E. Greene	Hopkins	1	1100	3	2		3		60	85	145
Howards Creek	D. M. Wheeler	Bamboo	E. J. Norris	Sands	3	500		2		2	4	25	53	78
Liberty Grove	M. A. Adams	Boone	L. N. Keller	Garren	2	1000						22	25	47
Laurel Springs	W. E. Carlton	Baldwin	Hoy Greene	Boone	2	1000		1	1	2	1	59	117	176
Laurel Knob	R. M. Burkett	Jefferson	J. F. Pearson	Todd	2	800	3	5				24	28	52
Elk Knob	L. A. Wilson	Zionville	J. M. South	Tamarack	2	400						23	46	69
Meat Camp	R. C. Eggers	"	L. A. Greene	Sands	3	750	8	5	1	1	5	69	90	159
Middle Fork	E. M. Gragg	Vilas	L. P. Hodges	Blowing Rock	3	800	1	1		1	1	42	46	88
Mt. Calvary	J. H. Farthing	Sweet Water	F. L. Shoemaker	Balm	4	800		2			1	43	76	119
Mt. Lebanon	J. F. Eller	Vilas	I. A. Bumgarner	Vilas	1	800				1	1	39	65	104
Mt. Gilead	W. Swift	Reese	A. T. Burton	Butler, Tenn.	1	1500		8		1	1	42	43	90
Oak Grove	W. A. Pennell	Zionville	J. C. Hodges	Adams	N. C. 3		1			1	1	16	15	31

Pleasant Grove	L A Wilson	Zionville	J R Isaacs	Mabel	4	1000	1	8	3	2	81	158	239
Rich Mountain	R C Eggers	"	L E Beach	Zionville	1	500	3	2	3	2	19	38	57
Shulls Mills	N S Hampton	Blowing Rock	J M Day	Shulls Mills	3	1200	2	2	2		16	19	35
South Fork	M A Adams	Boone	W H McGuire	Brookside	2	1000		4	1		44	63	107
Stony Fork	Levi Greene	Hopkins	A A Hamby	Stony Fork			2			2	90	85	175
Samson	E A Shores	Blowing Rock	W R Bradshaw	Buffalo Cove	4	300	2	2	1	2	25	29	54
Three Forks	W Swift	Reese	A J Edmisten	Boone	3	300	1	4	1		33	53	86
Timb'rd. Ridge	W Swift	"	W L Greene	Sugar Grove	3	600	4	4	2	1	26	34	60
Union	R C Eggers	Zionville	J M Burkett	Mabel	2	700	5		14	3	62	88	150
Willowdale	M A Adams	Boone	J H Brinkley	Vilas	1	300	3	3	1	2	36	39	75
Zionville	L A Wilson	Zionville	J C Jones	Zionville	1	800	2	1	3	1	36	69	105
Zion Hill	J F Eller	Vilas	H Hagaman	Watauga Falls	2	1000	6	3	1		57	59	116

TABLE 4.— W. M. U.

CHURCH	NAME	PRESIDENT	P. O.	No. Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Training School	Other Objects	TOTAL
Bethel	W. M. S.	Lora Wilson	Sweet Water	N.C. 29							7.50
Blowing Rock	"	Mrs J D Brown	Blowing Rock	7					2.50		2.50
Boone	"	"	"								
Cove Creek	"	"	"	19	3.80	6.55	5.80	69.00	3.50	2.70	121.35
Forest Grove	"	"	"	30	5.15	6.60	6.75		2.65	32.65	62.55
South Fork	"	"	"	10							

D. C. Mast read the report on Resolutions. Report adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved 1. That the delegates and pastors of this association do hereby pledge ourselves to undertake greater things for God.

2. That we reconsecrate ourselves and dedicate our lives and our money more fully to His service.

3. That we enter heartily into co-operation with the movement to enlarge our Baptist work.

4. That we express our gratitude and hearty thanks to the people of Union Baptist church and surrounding community for their hospitality to, and kind entertainment of the association.

Respectfully submitted.

D. C. Mast, Com.

A. J. Greene read his report as

COLPORTEUR

Colporteur reports as follows:

Received of W. Y. Perry	-	-	-	-	-	\$55.89
Books on hand	-	-	-	-	-	\$48.00
Cash on hand	-	-	-	-	-	7.89

\$55.89 \$55.89

Amount of sales

\$59.05.

Respectfully submitted.

A. J. Greene,

Report adopted.

Colporteur.

A. J. Greene was elected Colporteur for the ensuing year.

W. T. Vandyke read the report on

TIME PLACE and PREACHER

We your Com. on Time Place and Preacher for the next session of The Three Forks Baptist association decide that it be held with Gap Creek Baptist church, beginning at 10 a. m. on Tues. after the fourth Sunday in August 1920, Elder J. H. Farthing to preach the Introductory sermon. Alternate, J. F. Eller.

W. T. Vandyke, J. W. Pennell, Solomon Younce, Lee Greene.

Report adopted.

Report of Correspondents as follows:

C. S. Farthing reported visiting Ashe association.

W. S. Farthing reported visiting Holston association.

A motion prevailed that the association assume the difference of cost of having the three Tables of the minutes tabulated and ruled.

A motion prevailed that the clerk be allowed \$7.50 for his service.

The Moderator read the following

Standing Committees for 1920.

Foreign Missions: J F Eller, J. H Farthing.

Home Missions: R D Cross, Charlie Mast.

State Missions: M A Adams, Will H McGuire.

Education: A J Greene, Wagner Reese.

Pastoral Support: I G Greer, George Roten.

Sunday Schools: Charlie Culver, A L Wilson.

Orphanage: G P Sherrill, Roy Dotson.

Books and Periodicals: L A Wilson, Roby Eggers.

Resolutions: G W Robins, Hester Farthing.

Order of Business: W Y Perry, John McBride.

State of the Churches: M A Adams, John Norris.

Duties of Pastors to their Churches: C S Farthing, H H Farthing.

Temperance: W S Farthing, J D Brown.

Woman's work: S C Eggers, Mrs D F Horton.

Ministerial Relief: J R Isaacs, John Oliver.

Nominations: W S Farthing, W J Hagaman.

Report adopted.

A motion prevailed that E. F Sherwood be made custodian of the black board and that he tabulate the statistics of next year for the session of 1920.

A motion prevailed that the Finance Com. be allowed to submit their report to the Clerk and the same to be printed in the minutes.

FINANCE

We the Finance committee have received from the churches and paid over to the Treasurer the following amounts:

For Minute Fund	\$48.14
" State Missions	18.34
" Home Missions	16.23
" Foreign Missions	38.30
" Baptist Orphanage	73.83
" Old Ministers' Relief	16.56
" Associational Missions	3.61

Total, \$214.90

Edgar B. Hardin, Chas. M. Culver, Com.

The Clerk was instructed to have the loose minutes bound and report the cost to the next session of the association.

Table 2.==

Financial

CHURCH	Pastor's Salary	Building & Repairs	Incident-als	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphan-ages	Christian Education	Ministerial Relief	Other Objects	TOTAL
Antioch	60.00			4.00		1.00		18.47	16.00	14.96		9.55			15.00	85.55
Bethel	91.67		2.20	16.88	12.00	1.50		18.47	16.00	14.96		25.63	6.25	8.06	86	299.62
Beaver Dam	100.00		5.00	15.	30.	1.25		18.46		103.24		36.65			76.09	385.69
Bethany	32.75		20.	4.45		1.00			2.00	6.10		5				71.30
Blowing Rock	200.	2.50	7.40	63.14		1.50		20.00	30.00	15.00	3.50	72.06	50.00	1.50	89.15	555.75
Boone	300.	100.00	75.33	65.15		1.50		64.36	60.60	60.60		102.05	31.47			841.51
Brushy Fork	92.86			9.00		2.00		6.39	4.20	8.35		37.11		1	22.08	180.99
Cove Creek	250.		300.00	24.80	10.15	2.00	20.00	30.60	18.67	58.30	21.18	129.56	609.00			1424.26
Cool Springs	58.	50.00.		5.		1.25				5.00		11.37				130.62
Clarks Creek						.60						2.70				3.30
Elk Knob	16.50			5.00		.40						1.00				22.90
Fall Creek	21.65			1.75		.50						11.25			6.09	47.24
Forest Grove	106.06		1.30	18.00		1.25		32.72	22.80	39.19	3.38	57.33	3.39	3.38	128.84	417.64
Gap Creek	96.05	4.35	3.49	5.13		2.00	3.61				6.27	7.07				127.97
Howards Creek	40.		4.50	2		1		1.00				4				52.50
Laurel Springs	45.25	8.30	8.44	5.90	15.00	2.25	3.56	3.56	3.57	3.56		27.20		6.39		132.93
Liberty Grove	47.85	31.		4.46		2.12		4.53	7.76	7.76	2.08	13.34		2.08	35.45	128.45
Laurel Knob	61.82	22.50		4.50	5.00	1.50		6.00		3.65		7.42			20	132.39
Meat Camp	82.95		5.00	9.90		1.75		3.35	6.09			12.70		4.78	23.40	149.87
Middle Fork	87.10	9.50		5.52		1.50			7.50	17.50		32.			27.41	188.03
Mt. Calvary	110.	31.26		7.36	47.10	1.35		13.15	3.07	4.00		6.87	1.00	3.39		228.55
Mt. Lebanon	48.			4.60		1.35			2.			18.34			4	80.29
Mt. Gilead	53.25		6.00	4.49		1.25				2.00		6.40			15.12	86.51
Oak Grove	25.			2.70	20.	.40		10.39				5				73.49

Pleasant Grove	100 74	14.99	21.75	1.43	4.28	3.09	4.00	9.68	40 52	100.	6 12	6	240 62
Rich Mountain	35 51	3 50	60				1.		²		10 34	52 95	
Shulls Mills	37	12	3.	1 50	14.33	14.33	14 35	6 57	14 41	1 07	1 07	2 71	197 33
South Fork	97 29	11 28	2 06	2 06	14 15	9 51	6 64	3 05	16	3 05	3 05	7 43	204 50
Stony Fork	40.	8 92	2.	2.	1 65	1 65			1 66			34 87	89 04
Samson	40.			50		5 00							45 50
Three Forks	46 90	5 00	1		2	2	1.50	5 70	15 55		9 85		89 49
Timb'rd. Ridge	64 10	4 24	1		2 30	10	12 75	1 40	2 98	1 88		18 83	119 44
Union	73 69	.50					2 30		5 10				114 95
Willowdale	81 04	12 80	18 94	2.12									185 47
Zionville	108 87	20	12	2	10 86	6.90	7 33	2 50	24 04	5.	3 31		
Zion Hill	55 75	10	3.60	1.25		2 68	6 38		12 38		5 15	12 50	167 81
		4	75				2 00		9 15			29.50	101 15

75.00

Pleasant Grove 100 74
Rich Mountain 35 51
Shulls Mills 37
South Fork 97 29
Stony Fork 40.
Samson 40.
Three Forks 46 90
Timb'rd. Ridge 64 10
Union 73 69
Willowdale 81 04
Zionville 108 87
Zion Hill 55 75

The Treasurer read his report which was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received for Orphanage.....	\$ 99.14
“ State Board of Missions.....	131.98
“ Minute Fund.....	42.38
“ from W. F. Sherwood, admr. of J. J. L. Sherwood, Colporteur Fund..	55.89
Total - - - - -	\$329.42

DISBURSEMENTS

To Orphanage.....	\$ 99.09
“ Walters Durham for:	
Foreign Missions.....	52.03
Home “.....	39.11
State “.....	18.62
Ministerial Relief.....	22.19
“ A. J. Greene Colporteur fund.....	55.89
“ Will H. McGuire printing Minutes..	34.88
“ Clerk of Association.....	7.50
“ Treasurer for postage.....	.11
Total - - - - -	\$329.42

On motion of M. A. Adams W. Y. Perry was continued as Treas.

A motion prevailed to adjourn.

J. H. Farthing conducted the closing devotional exercises by reading 46 Ps. and leading in prayer.

“ Good By” was then sung. Benediction by R. D. Cross.

W. Y. PERRY.

SMITH HAGAMAN,

Clerk.

Moderator.

Officers of the Association

Smith Hagaman, Vilas, N. C., - Moderator and Historian.

W. Y. Perry, Vilas, N. C., - Clerk and Treasurer.

A. J. Greene, Mabel, N. C., - Colporteur.

Ordained Ministers

R. D. Cross,	Boone, N. C.	J. C. Carlton,	Julietta, Idaho.
John Keller, Beech Creek,	"	R H Shore,	Blowing Rock, N.C.
Levi Greene,	Hopkins	W A Braswell,	Montezuma, "
E C Hodges,	Adams	W A Pennell,	Zionville, "
G W Trivett,	Sugar Grove,	John Norris,	Boone, "
E M Gragg,	Boone,	E M Bradshaw,	Penley, "
Jas Bradshaw,	Blowing Rock,	R C Eggers,	Zionville, "
T W Grubb,	Todd,	J M Griggs,	Todd, "
Asa Brown,	Brownwood,	W H Michael,	Trade, Tenn.
R L Palmer,	Beech Creek,	I C Miller,	Buffalo, N.C.
J H Farthing,	Sweet Water,	C S Farthing,	Sugar Grove, "
L A Wilson,	Zionville,	J F Eller,	Vilas, "
W Swift,	Reese,	"	"

Roll of Messengers

Antioch—E. M. Greer.
 Bethel—W S Farthing, J E Farthing, W W Wilson.
 Beaver Dam—W J Hagaman, G P Sherrill, Wagner A Reese.
 Brushy Fork—David Fox, J H Presnell, T L Mast.
 Bethany—R D Edmisten, L M Farthing.
 Blowing Rock—J D Brown.
 Boone—I G Greer, C J Cottrell.
 Cove Creek—D C Mast, N L Mast, W Y Perry.
 Clarks Creek—Joel Eggers.
 Cool Springs—J W Pennell, A P Bolick, H S Henderson.
 Elk Knob—Letter. No messengers.
 Forest Grove—Smith Hagaman, Hill Hagaman, W R Johnson.
 Fall Creek—Letter. No messengers.
 Gap Creek—Alonzo Miller.
 Howards Creek—Manley McBride.
 Liberty Grove—Conley Greene, Noah Greer, L N Keller.
 Laurel Springs—E B Hardin, Lee Greene.
 Laurel Knob—F N Stephens, Lawson Edwards, Reese Grubb.
 Meat Camp—Clyde Greene, Clyde Brown, W W Norris.
 Middle Fork—W T Vandyke, Wm Elrod.
 Mt. Calvary—T H West, J C Hubbard, J C Greer.
 Mt. Lebanon—D S Love, H M Bumgarner.
 Mt. Gillead—T M Warren, T M Stanberry.
 Oak Grove—James Gross, J C Hodges, G W Brown.
 Pleasant Grove—J R Isaacs, E H Perry, C M Culver.
 Rich Mountain—L E Beach, J A Penley.
 Shulls Mills—E H Farthing, J C Shull, G W Robbins.
 South Fork—Will H McGuire, T M Jones, A Y Howell.
 Stony Fork—Dan Welborn.
 Samson—W N Story.
 Three Forks—J C Brookshire.
 Timbered Ridge—J Y Smitherman.
 Union—A J Greene, Solomon Younce, J F Oliver.
 Willowdale—J H Dugger, John Norris.
 Zionville—Philip Greer, D H Grogan, Geo. Roten.
 Zion Hill—H A Hagaman, Lewis Harman, J W Harman.

TABLE 3.--SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	SUPT.	P. O.	SECY	P. O.	No. Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment	Church Mem- bers in S. S.	Months Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Antioch	Chas. Tester	Watauga Falls	Bob Glenn	Watauga Falls	1	5	30	35	20	6	0	4.00			4.00
Bethel	E J Farthing	Sweet Water	Leota Norris	Sweet Water	1	8	136	144	70	12	9	16.88	9.18	34.55	60.61
Beaver Dam	Wagner Reese	Reese	Ethel Wilson	Reese	1	7	70	77	12	12	15.00		52.00	10.00	77.00
Bethany	L J Michael	Hackett	Lee Michael	Matney	1	6	35	41	20	9	4.45		1.92		6.37
Blowing Rock	J H Winkler	Blowing Rock	M Holshouser	Blowing Rock	1	11	139	150	90	12	7	63.14	36.76		99.80
Brushy Fork	L M Trivett	Not given			1	4	60	64	12		9.00		10.04	6.01	25.05
Boone	W R Gragg	Boone	R M Greene	Boone	1	10	198	208	85	12	65.15	3.76	23.95	8.90	102.76
Cove Creek	W F Sherwood	Sherwood	Blanche Horton	Vilas	1	9	88	97	39	12	24.28	21.18	25.56	10.15	81.17
Cool Springs	J W Pennell	Boone	Virgie Rogers	Blowing Rock	1	5	35	40	25	9	5.00		11.37		16.37
Clarks Creek	G W Byrd	Banners Elk	Chas Lawrence	Banner Elk	1	5	20	25	10	6					
Fall Creek	W B Norris	Heaton	Pearl Storie	Heaton	1	5	35	40	20	12	1.75			5.09	18.19
Forest Grove	Roy Dotson	Vilas	Lillie Eller	Vilas	1	11	80	91	60	12	15	18.00	57.33	16.50	91.83
Gap Creek	W C Greene	Hopkins	J Q Welch	Yuma	1	5	84	89	45	6	5.13	6.27			11.40
Howards Creek	E J Norris	Sands	Ola Hayes	Sands	1	5	40	45	6						
Laurel Springs	Arthur Greene	Riverside	Ora Brown	Rutherford	1	6	95	101	33	9	5.90			2.52	8.42
Liberty Grove	L N Keller	Garren	Ethel Greer	Garren	1	8	96	104	37	6	4.46		7.07		11.53
Laurel Knob	W M Miller	Todd	R L Goodman	Todd	1	6	65	71	38	12	4.50				4.50
Meat Camp	Clyde M Brown	Sands	Carl Byers	Zionville	1	7	73	80	40	6	6.00				6.00
Middle Fork	Wm Elrod	Blowing Rock	R C Greene	Blowing Rock	1	5	51	56	12		5.52				5.52
Mt. Calvary	J C Greer	Balm	Jas Shoemaker	Balm	1	6	55	61	12		7.36	13.15	2.00	1.00	23.54
Mt. Lebanon	S B Hayes	Vilas	I A Bumgarner	Vilas	1	6	35	41	15	7	4.60		7.59		12.19
Mt. Gilead	A T Burton	Butler Tenn.	Viola Bear	Beech Creek	2	9	80	89	40	6	6.49		6.40	15.12	28.01
"	Smith Eggers	Beech Creek	Ethel Warren	"						12					
Oak Grove	Linney Barnes	Boone			4					6	2.70				2.70
Pleasant Grove	J R Isaacs	Mabel	Hazel McGuire	Zionville	1	9	50	59	12		14.99	9.68			24.67

Rich Mountain	W A Pennell	Zionville	Martha McNeil	Zionville	1	5	60	65	15	12	3	3.50	2.00	10.34	15.84
Shulls Mills	N T Byers	Shulls Mills	J M Day	Shulls Mills	1	8	50	58	20	12	12.00	6.57	5.16	23.73	
South Fork	I E Duncan	Todd	Mattie Seats	Brookside	1	6	70	76	35	12	7.50	16.15	16.00	7.43	47.08
Stony Fork	W H Smith	Stony Fork	Loretta Cook	Stony Fork	1	10		80		6					
Samson	E M Bradshaw	Penley	Eugene Day	Penley	1	5	36	41		6	3.00				3.00
Three Forks	A J Edmisten	Boone	Velma Hodges	Boone	1	6	45	51		6	5.00	5.70	10.00	20.70	
Timb'rd. Ridge	J Y Smitherman	Sugar Grove	Bertha McGuire	Sugar Grove	1	5	60	65	24	12	4.24	2.98			7.22
Union	Solomon Younce	Mabel	Sallie Warren	Mabel	1	9	126	135	66	12	5	8.88		10.06	18.84
Willowdale	Asa Greene	Vilas	Lonnie Henson	Vilas	1	7	50	57		12	12.00	24.54		36.54	
Zionville	Geo Roten	Zionville	Pearl Grogan	Trade Tenu	1	7	50	57		12	10.00			10.00	
Zion Hill	J E Stines	Rominger	Lewis Harman	Beech Creek	1	5	45	50	15	6	8.00			8.00	
Elk Knob	Jas S Thomas	Tamarack	J M Vannoy	Ashland	1	4	40	44	15	6	5.00	1.00		6.00	

Obituary

REV. I. J. MCGINNIS, the subject of this memorial sketch was the son of John and Precilla McGinnis, and was born April 30, 1852. Died Aug. 5, 1919, age, 67 years 3 months and 5 days.

He professed faith in Christ and joined the Brushy Fork church by baptism on the second Saturday in Sept. 1866, at the early age of 14½ years, and was a member about 53 years. While quite a young man he was married to Catherine Gragg and to them were born five children, three girls and two boys, of whom four are living. The wife died and left Bro. McGinnis alone, then after some years he married Naomi Galtney and to them were born five children three girls and 2 boys, 4 of them are still living; his second wife died leaving him again alone, he then was married to Mary Holler who still survives him.

After he joined the church he lived for some years a quiet Christian life, being faithful to attend the church meetings, then later in life he was impressed to speak in public for his Master, and was granted the privilege by the church the second Saturday in Oct. 1884, then three years later, on the second Saturday in May 1887 he was ordained to the full work of the ministry, Revs. D. C. Harman and I. W. Thomas officiating. While Bro. McGinnis was not as active in his ministerial work as some are, yet we believe he did a great deal for the Master and will have many sheaves in that great harvest of souls.

In the death of our Bro. McGinnis our church has sustained great loss, the family, relatives and neighbors all realize the loss, but God knows best and doeth all things well. So let us all be prepared to meet our brother in that bright world above where all is peace and love and where death can never separate us any more.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. Trivett, T. Adams, Com.

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August 24 & 25,
1920

The next session of this association to be held at Brushy Fork Church, 3 miles west of Boone, N. C., beginning at 10 a. m. Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in August
1921.

Elder F. M. Huggins to preach the Introductory Sermon;
alternate, Elder R. C. Eggers.

- M I N U T E S -
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THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL SESSION, LXXX.

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TUESDAY, AUG. 24, 1920.

The Three Forks Baptist Association met this day in its eightieth annual session, in Gap Creek Baptist Church. What a Friend We Have in Jesus was sung, after which John Norris led in prayer.

In the absence of J. H. Farthing, the appointee for the annual sermon, R. C. Eggers, (by appointment of the Moderator) read some verses from the 12 chapter of Luke and led in prayer. "Will You Come?" was sung. Bro. Eggers then announced as his text, Luke 12 chap. 15 verse. Subject: Covetousness. After the sermon, E. M. Gragg led in prayer. Amazing Grace was then sung.

The Moderator called for the church letters that had not been sent to the clerk.

The term of officers having expired, John Norris moved that the present officers, Smith Hagaman for Moderator and W. Y. Perry for Clerk, be elected by acclamation.

The Order of Business as read by the clerk, was adopted.

Geo. Hopkins and G. F. Blackburn of the Ashe Association announced themselves as visitors.

Lee Swift, H. E. Greene and E. F. Sherwood were appointed as Committee on Finance.

The pastor and messengers of this church were appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises.

A motion prevailed to discontinue the com. on Digest of Letters.

The Report on Books and Periodicals was read by L. C. Wilson.

Discussed by R. C. Eggers and L. C. Wilson. Report adopted.

BOOKS and PERIODICALS

The paramount issue of the Baptists today is information. To know the Bible and its teachings in reference to the world's redemption is to know the greatest thing that can be known.

For Baptists to know what they really and truly do believe is to know more than thousands do know; hence the necessity of a more thorough study of the Book. And that is not all. To fail to read many other good books and tracts published by the Baptists on doctrinal lines and giving information as to the needs of the world is to deprive ourselves of much needed information, without which we can never be what God would have us be, nor what is possible for us

to be, and especially would we emphasize the very great importance of reading the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, and "Home and Foreign Field," giving special information on all the departments of our work that must be had if we are prepared for the great task laid upon us in the salvation of the world.

Enlightenment, enlistment and enlargement is the war cry of the hour, that the world may be redeemed.

L. A. Wilson, }
R. C. Eggers, } Cos

Adjourned for 1 hour. Benediction by F. M. Huggins.

TUESDAY EVENING SESSION

The association reassembled to the singing of Nearer My God to Thee. Prayer was offered by Levi Green.

The Report on Temperance was read by W. S. Farthing, after which the report was discussed by W. S. Farthing, L. C. Wilson, Clyde R. Greene and John Norris. Report adopted.

TEMPERANCE

One of the most encouraging features of the temperance and prohibition movement in our State and Nation, is the marvelous change of public sentiment, which resulted in the passage of prohibitory laws in many states and finally, in the enactment of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and its ratification by the requisite number of states to make it a part of the constitutional law of the land. And our Republic, in a legal sense was made, "bone dry" by that act.

We think the results of prohibition have fully justified our lawmakers in enacting it, and our people in ratifying it. Chief Justice Clark and many other Judges testify that crime in N. C. has materially decreased since prohibition became effective. Convictions for murder in the first degree, decreased from 301 during the last five years of license, to 136, during the first five years of prohibition, and we have similar testimonials from other states, and we are confident that the Court records of Watauga County would present us with similar statistics, testifying to the good effects of prohibition.

We feel assured that prohibition has come to stay, for no virtuous and intelligent people, who have realized the blessings of prohibition by actual experience will welcome the return of the open saloon.

But the work of our temperance forces is not completed. The sentiment in favor of prohibition and self-control needs to be strengthened and the laws pertaining to the liquor traffic and the cigarette curse, as well, need to be enforced, and our Christian people as citizens, should aid in this work.

There are other phases of intemperance—other forms of social vice.

that tend to degrade the young manhood and womanhood of our country, that should be combatted by all professed Christians, and especially they should so live and deport themselves that their lives would serve as object lessons of temperance and Godliness to all by whom they are surrounded, for a Christian's life is his greatest asset and is as influential for good, perhaps, as anything he could write or say, and our churches everywhere should maintain the Christian standard of self-control and personal purity for both sexes of their membership alike.

W. S. Farthing.

The Report on Orphanage was read by the clerk. Discussed by F. M. Huggins, W. S. Farthing and E. M. Greer. Report adopted.

ORPHANAGE

God has placed upon His people the responsibility and duty of caring for the orphan children. We have 527 orphans at the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, looking to us for support as your own children look to you for the things they need; can we deny them? God, too, has a right to expect it of us; will we be faithful?

Do not say, The Orphanage is in good shape and the children are well cared for. This may be true in a measure, but this will not excuse us from contributing freely to their support. There are other orphan children not in the home. The Thomasville Orphanage is full, and others are begging for admittance. The better the condition of the Orphanage the more children can be cared for.

The monthly cost per child at Thomasville is \$16.43. Six years ago the monthly cost was \$8.35. You see we must increase our offerings to meet the increased cost of living. This association during the last year, has supported the small number of nearly 6 children.

We urge that the pastors and superintendents keep this matter before the people, and that collections be taken weekly for the support of our orphan children.

G. P. Sherrill, }
Roy Dotson, } Com

Report on State of Churches was read. Discussed by Jno. Norris
Report adopted.

STATE of CHURCHES

Owing to the aggressive campaign during the past year our churches have, almost without exception, developed a larger and better attitude with reference to general Christian giving; this is especially noticeable in the reports of the churches that come to this session of the association.

With reference to the spiritual and other general conditions, we would report about an average with the last few years.

John Norris, Chm'n. Com.

The Report on Pastoral Support was read by F. M. Huggins.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

The churches of our association are under the imperative obligation to support their pastors. This support should be adequate and sufficient to meet his needs so as to relieve him of secular occupation so that he could give his time and energies to the great calling where with he is called. This is true for the following reasons:

1. The preacher must live as other men live, and it takes money for him as for other men.
2. The increased cost of everything we buy makes this imperative. Former standards of giving do not meet the present needs.
3. This should be done for the sake of the churches. It makes for their development and spiritual growth.
4. It is scriptural. He that gives himself to the ministry should be supported by the churches. This is taught by the apostle Paul. Let the faithful pastor be supported.

E. M. Gragg }
F. M. Huggins }

The committee on Duties of Pastors to Their Churches being absent, the Report from last year's minutes was read in lieu of a new one.

DUTIES of PASTORS to their CHURCHES

The duties of pastors to their churches depend largely on what the churches do for their pastors. The pastor should know the spiritual needs of their churches, but the pastor can never know the spiritual need of his people and get into their hearts until he first goes into their homes. The pastor that does his uttermost to visit all the homes of his people is a true pastor indeed, otherwise he is not.

The pastor should be a teacher of the Word in the homes as well as in the pulpit, every pastor should denounce error, whether taught in the church or on the outside of it. It is the duty of every pastor to do his utmost to lead the sinner to Christ whether private or public. The pastors should study and preach the Word, be instant in season and out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with long suffering and doctrine. Christ went before his disciples saying follow me, so should the pastor set the same example before his flock in every good work, and not act as a Pope or Lord over his flock in any wise, he should paint sin as black as hell, and make the path of the just correspondingly bright, he should visit the sick, bury the dead, comfort the bereaved, strengthen the weak, and the distressed, and those that have to baffle with the waves of adversity. In short, no call of distress or need should ever reach the pastor's ears in vain.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. Wilson, Com.

Reports adopted after being discussed by R. C. Eggers, L. C. Wilson

son, F. M. Huggins, G. W. Robbins, W. S. Farthing.

The report on Education was read by the clerk. Report adopted after being discussed by Smith Hagaman, F. M. Huggins, W. S. Farthing.

EDUCATION

The Baptists of North Carolina have three colleges and fourteen high schools in their system of education. These schools are valued at \$1,234,665, and have an endowment of \$729,156. One hundred eighty-two teachers instruct three thousand, four hundred fifty-six students. Among these we find 100 ministerial students.

The urgent need of our schools is enlargement. Not one is able to care for those who seek admission. The Baptists of the state must meet the demand with their means.

Our system of schools is essential for the training of our future leaders. If we fail in this, our cause is in peril. There is nothing so effective in our religious life as trained leaders. We are suffering to-day for the want of intelligent leadership.

The state is providing six months of school for the children. When the state does this, better qualified leaders are demanded of us. What will be the effect if we fail? The challenge has been given. Are we able to meet it?

The danger point in our educational system is the teacher. We advise our people to find out what the teacher is. The silent influence of the teacher may make or unmake character before we are aware. The teacher is the important thing.

A. J. Greene, Com.

L. C. Wilson preached at the stand at 3 o'clock p. m.

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow was sung. Benediction was pronounced by J. H. Farthing, after which the association adjourned until tomorrow at 8:30, a. m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 25, 1920,—MORNING SESSION.

The devotional exercise was begun by singing Sweet Hour of Prayer.

E. M. Gragg read the 23 Psalm. W. S. Farthing led in prayer.

We'll Work till Jesus Comes was sung.

The house was called to order by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. The roll of messengers was called and absentees erased.

The Moderator appointed E. F. Sherwood, Manley McBride, Wade Byers as Com. on Time, Place and Preacher for next association.

L. C. Wilson read the report on

STATE MISSIONS

Notwithstanding the marvelous achievements in State Missions there

remains much to be done.

The raising of 6 Million in the 75 Million Campaign in pledges is not the end.

To be satisfied with 2500 Baptist churches and a membership of more than 300,000 and feel that we might rest would be only to invite defeat.

State Missions can be viewed only in the light as though we was the whole world. When Jesus said to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, He laid that task upon the Baptists of N. C. that can not be turned aside. If N. C. Baptists shall take her rightful place in the world's redemption, let her lay her strength deep and broad in State Missions.

The fostering arm making strong and powerful Wake Forest College and other schools of like character where present and future generations may be prepared for the great task laid upon us in the world's redemption, is a task laid upon our people that cannot be trifled with.

If State Missions was ever a live issue, it should be more so today. To hold the field once taken is the greatest victory an army ever gained.

Never, in all of the history of our country was every denomination so aroused to the obligations laid upon them as they see it, as now.

Let us not forget that the world's eye is upon N. C. That God is looking this way and expects something at our hands. The time has come when the world is willing to hear what Baptists believe and accept what they believe.

To believe in any part of the great commission, is to believe it all; to deny any part is to deny all.

Respectfully,

L. C. Wilson, G. W. Robbins, Com.

The report on Home Missions was read by the clerk.

HOME MISSIONS

The forces of evil let loose, are now seeking to undermine and destroy our Government. Anarchy and radical socialism, are grasping at the throat of our nation. Millions of aliens who know not our language or our civilized methods of government are being mobilized under radical leaders for the definite purpose to overthrow our government. Thousands of American citizens, misled by the spirit which is abroad in the world, are unwittingly being used by these radical leaders to bring unrest and disorder. Revolution is openly advocated to overturn the American government and that liberty which is almost wholly American and which was made possible by great sacri-

ice. To minimize these facts would be folly. This is the most serious danger this government has ever faced. There is only one way these dangers can be met and permanently eliminated, and that is through the universal acceptance of the Son of God as the Redeemer of mankind. This gospel must be carried into every home in America; it must be preached to every alien in the country. It must be preached with a power never before felt. Ministers and laymen alike must see as they never saw before the mighty world-chase which threatens us. They must realize that the gospel of Christ is the only power under heaven, not only to save the souls of men for the world to come, but to save America and the world from chaos. The Home Mission work of the Baptists, and every other denomination, is far more important today than it ever was before. To the negro race who is filled with unrest and dissatisfaction, to the alien, to the true but unconverted American wherever found, must be carried the power of the gospel in a mighty home mission campaign. The greatest opportunity perhaps, the Home Mission Board has ever had is now before us. The command to go preach the gospel to every nation should fall into every Christian soul with greater force than ever before. Do we realize that there is danger that America shall forget God? To realize this we must put away all selfishness and face the issues of the day as they are, then we can realize there is imminent danger when viewed from a human viewpoint. But on the other hand, if every soul reached by the 75-million campaign can be made a center of newborn power for our Home Mission work, there will be a great spiritual awakening. Then we shall see the saving of individual souls from sin and the saving of the Nation from turmoil and strife that it may become the world's leader in righteousness. This is the supreme need of the day. The Home Mission Board faces this gigantic task. Pray for its success.

Resp'y. submitted.

D. C. Mast, Com.

A motion prevailed that the report on Foreign Missions not being ready, be handed to the clerk and be inserted in the Minutes.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

When the Master commanded the disciples to go to every nation throughout all the world, He did not fail to give them a definite task.

1. They were to preach the gospel; this must be done.

The gospel may be briefly stated: It is the story of the redemption of lost men through the atoning death or shed blood of Jesus Christ, there is no other remedy. He did not give that to angels, He committed the gospel to His saved people.

It does seem there has never been such an effort made to give the

world the gospel, since the days of the apostles, as has been made through the year 1920. This year will long be remembered.

Our great Secretary Love with others have just made a tour of the world, making a study of the situation in every land, blazing out the way for us.

Our own Drs. Love, Truit, Gambrel and Mulens have just crossed the waters and are now in London conferring with our English Baptists and our Baptist brethren from every nation under heaven, as far as possible. God has put into the hearts of the Southern Baptist people a spirit of liberality, never before heard of, not only of money, but of the many lives, yes hundreds of them, who have laid themselves on the altar saying: "Here am I send me."

Just a few days passed there was a farewell service held in Texas for young men and women going to distant lands to spend their lives.

Surely the kingdom is coming. The prospects are as bright as the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our association has made advances never before heard of.

Let thanks giving and praise go up to God from every heart.

The reports were discussed by L. C. Wilson, J. H. Farthing, W. Y. Perry, F. M. Huggins, W. S. Farthing.

The reports were adopted.

F. M. Huggins read the report on Ministerial Relief, and discussed the same. Report adopted.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

We cannot escape the responsibility, nor ought we to try, to support our old Ministers who have given their lives to preaching the gospel of Christ. Many of them have labored without money and without price, traveling long distances, and exposed to all sorts of weather. Simple justice demands that we should take care of them in their declining days.

Yet Baptists have been derelict in this responsibility. Other denominations have seen the necessity of helping their retired ministers but Baptists have been slow to do their duty in this regard. If it is the fort of wisdom for the government to pension its retired soldiers, how much more should we stand by the Cross "who have labored long and true." If the farmer does not cast away his old horse after a long period of service, but provides food and shelter in his declining days, how much more is it the duty of Baptists to support their old ministers.

Baptists are now working up to the necessity of this benevolent Christly ministry. We now have a Board of Ministerial Relief located at Dallas, Tex., With Dr Wm. Lunsford, as Secretary. This is an arrangement by which the young preacher as well as the old, may

make provision for his declining days. The denomination pays 80% of the fund, while those who secure the benefits of it pay only 20%. Every young preacher has in this an opportunity to provide for himself and family in old age.

We recommend that the churches take collections for Old Ministers Relief at Christmas time, or some other, each year, and that the preachers of the association write Dr. Wm. Lunsford of Dallas, Tex. for information about the Board of Ministerial Relief, and that they avail themselves of the opportunity afforded.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Sherwood.

Note—This report should have been headed "Ministerial Relief."

G. W. Robbins read the report on Sunday schools. Report adopted after being discussed by G. W. Robbins.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School is our greatest agency for training the young people of our country, and teaching them the Holy Scriptures. We feel that our parents should put forth a greater effort in bringing their children to the Sunday-school, and especially church members. We would urge every Baptist family in the Three Forks association to take a deeper interest in the Sunday-school work, as we believe that a large number of our young converts emanates from the Sunday-schools. We believe that our churches are largely increased by the Sunday-schools. We as fathers and mothers should be more deeply interested in the Sunday-school in teaching our young boys and girls to read God's word instead of reading so many trashy and worthless books that lead so many of our young people astray. Let us obey that divine injunction: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

We know of no place so fitted for this training as the Sunday-school. We are proud of the advancement of the Sunday-school work, but we feel that there should be further advancement in this work.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. Pennell,)

G. W. Robbins } Com

The Report on Woman's Work was read by Mrs. D. F. Horton.

Report was discussed by L. C. Wilson, F. M. Huggins and G. W. Robbins. Report adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Association made its first report to the association in 1914.

Year by year our interest in Mission work has increased, and has shown it self by greater activity and larger gifts.

We have now eight societies and two Sunbeam Bands with a mem-

TABLE I.—STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	PASTOR	P. O.	CLERK	P. O.	Time of Preaching	Value of Ch. Property	Received by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restoration	Lost by Letter	Excluded	Died	No. of Males	No. of Females	Total Membership
Antioch	J. H. Earthing	Sweet Water, N. C.	G. H. Rowe,	Sugar Grove	N. C.	\$1000	23	1	1	3	3	3	69	84	153
Bethel	W. Swift	Reese,	W. S. Farthing	Sugar Grove	"	400	11	3	1	10	1	1	75	96	171
Beaver Dam	J. H. Farthing	Sweet Water	"	Luth. A. Wilson	Reese	"	400	17	7	1	16	1	55	84	139
Bethany															
Blowing Rock	F. M. Huggins	Boone,	"	Will Knight	Blowing Rock	1	2000	6	4	4	4	55	72	125	
Brushy Fork	D. M. Wheeler	Bamboo,	"	J. H. Presnell,	Vilas,	2	1000	8	1	3	3	2	51	57	108
Boone	F. M. Huggins	Boone,	W. R. Gragg	Boone	244	8500	27	27	6	1	6	1	80	84	164
Cove Creek	F. M. Huggins	Boone,	E. F. Sherwood	Vilas,	3	1000	5	5	5	5	5	36	86	122	
Cool Springs	E. C. Hodges	Adams,	A. P. Bolick	Shulls Mills	1	1000	4	2	9	1	37	43	80		
Clarks Creek	C. S. Farthing	Sugar Grove	G. W. Rowe	Valle Crucis	2	500	2	2	2	2	2	15	26	41	
Fall Creek	D. A. Greene	Butler, Tenn.	W. B. Norris	Heaton	2	300	2	2	2	2	2	23	16	44	
Forest Grove	J. H. Farthing	Sweet Water, N. C.	W. B. Norris	Vilas	2	1000	2	2	2	2	2	58	82	140	
Gap Creek	Levi Greene	Hopkins	H. E. Greene	Hopkins, N. C.	1	1100	13	1	1	1	1	1	54	83	137
Howards Creek	D. M. Wheeler	Bamboo,	N. C. E. J. Norris,	Sands, N. C.	3	500	14	1	1	1	1	33	56	89	
Laurel Springs	W. E. Carlton,	Baldwin,	E. B. Hardin,	Rutherford	2	1000	14	1	1	1	1	47	98	145	
Liberty Grove	M. A. Adams	Boone	L. N. Keller	Garren,	"	2	750	14	4	6	3	1	86	91	174
Meat Camp	R. C. Eggers	Zionville	L. A. Greene,	Sands	3	800	8	2	2	2	2	22	25	47	
Middle Fork	E. M. Gragg,	Vilas	L. P. Hodges,	Blowing Rock	3	800	4	2	2	2	2	45	50	95	
Mt. Calvary	J. H. Farthing	Sweet Water	J. M. Shoemaker	Balm	4	800	4	2	2	2	2	43	80	123	
Mt. Lebanon	Edmond	GreenSands,	I. A. Bumgarner	Vilas	1	800	2	1	1	1	1	2	44	61	105
Mt. Gilead	W. Swift	Reese	T. M. Younce	Beech Creek	1	1500	1	3	3	3	3	2	40	44	84
Oak Grove															
Pleasant Grove	L. A. Wilson	Zionville	J. H. Mast	Zionville	4	1000	17	3	4	7	2	4	75	133	208
Rich Mountain	R. C. Eggers	Zionville	L. E. Beech	Zionville	1	500	2	2	2	2	2	1	19	37	56
Shulls Mills	E. C. Hodges	Adams	J. M. Day	Shulls Mills	1	1200	13	7	7	7	7	2	26	30	56

South Fork	M A Adams	Boone	W H McGintee	Brookside	4	1000	2	2	1	1	1	44	65	109
Stony Fork	Levi Greene	Hopkins	A A Hamby	Stony Fork	2	1000	4	2	6	1	90	97	137	
Samson														
Three Forks	W Swift	Reese	A J Edmisten	Boone	2	500	1		1	2	52	33	85	
Timb'd Ridge	W Swift	Reese	W L Greene	Sugar Grove	3	17		3	4	1	33	41	74	
Union	R C Eggers	Zionville	J M Burkett	Mabel	2	800	7	1	1	3	65	96	161	
Willowdale	A J Greene	Mabel	J H Brinkley	Vilas	1	200	4				1	37	38	75
Zionville	L A Wilson	Zionville	J C Jones	Zionville	1	800	5	4	1	4	1	36	74	110
Zion Hill	Henry Glenn	Watauga Falls	A J Trivett	Leander	2	1000	4		7	2	50	45	95	
Elk Knob	W H Michael	Trade, Tenn	J M South	Tamarack	2	400	6	4	1	1	2	28	50	78

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W. M. U.		TOTAL																			
TABLE																					
CHURCH		Home F	B. Rec'd	Tithers	Royal Services	H. M.	S. M.	F. M.	75-M.	Old M.	Orph.	B. Women	Expense F	Olive Eden	T. School	Church L.	Marg't. F.	Christian Education	S.S. Room	Local Ex.	
Bethel		4	5	2	6	5.38	10.55	15.90	97.35	21.45	21.45	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.84	1.00	1.00	30.00	185.42		
Blowing Rock		4	4	3	3	10.00	12.00	32.25	16.75	48.00	48.00	1.00	1.00	1.00					121.00		
B. R. Sunbeams.								1.75											1.75		
Timb'd Ridge.		2		4	4	1.20	80	1.20	18.90	5.00	5.00	1.00				1.60		29.70			
Cove Creek		6	4	2	2	6.48	4.45	10.20	60.92	2.95	18.20	25.00	2.00	1.00	4.75			135.95			
Forest Grove		8	6	5	1	9.90	8.40	8.90		11.00	11.00	25.00	1.00	1.00	5.93	4.00	1.00	76.13			
Willowdale		3				2.05	8.00			7.27	7.27							17.32			
Boone						7.00	67.70	19.00	61.65	22.95	22.95	30.50	3.40					212.20			
Beaver Dam						4.25		4.60										3.10			
Boone Sunbeams						5.00	5.00	1.45		5.90	5.90							13.00			
		27	19	12	16	46.26	108.90	103.25	255.57	2.95	139.77	80.50	9.40	4.00	13.52	4.00	2.60	33.10	13.00	\$816.72	

bership of about 150, three Woman's Missionary societies having been organized the past year.

Our contributions to the regular objects of our work for the past year are as follows:

75 M.	F.M.	H.M.	S.M.	Orph.	Bible W.	O.M.	Tr. S.
\$173.12.	\$126.00	\$44.21	\$108.90	\$132.50	\$49.75	\$2.95	\$3.75
Chris. Ed.	Olive Edens Africa.	Ex. F.	Other Objects				
\$30.00	\$5.00	\$9.40	\$13.00.				

Total contributions to all objects \$698.53.

Biblical Recorders taken in the Union is 19, H. F. F. 27, Royal Services 16, Tithers 12, Study classes reported two.

The annual meeting of the Union was held at Cove Creek, Sept. 16, 1919. A Beautiful spirit of consecration and devotion was manifest through the entire session, and Prayer was emphasized as being the great power that would make the 75 Million Campaign a success.

The Southern Union took as their quota \$15,000,000 of the 75 Million Campaign, and the North Carolina Union was apportioned 1,100,000 but our quota was over subscribed, total pledges to date being 2,167,330 dollars.

The W. M. U. pledge of the Three Forks Association for five years in eight churches is 4,159.15 and the pledge of the women not members of societies in these churches is 2,164.22.

Our Cor. Sect. said in her report to the annual meeting of the State W. M. U. that "Never before has the value of our great W. M. U. program of prayer, study, training, and giving been so clearly shown as during the campaign.

It was the Missionary Societies who supplied the workers; it was the Churches where we have societies which most easily raised their campaign quotas and went far beyond. It was the women of our societies who made the most liberal pledges and reported them most promptly; and it is these same women that we must look to to complete the task of enlisting others in kingdom service, and to aid in the great evangelistic campaign upon which we are entering.

The Mobile School held at Cove Creek in July was a great success and the Union is indebted to Mrs. I. G. Greer for her splendid service rendered in teaching the Woman's Missionary Union Manual. Nine out of a class of 19 took the examination and received their certificates with seal.

We desire to express our grateful appreciation for the help extended to us by the pastors and moderator of the association, and brother M. A. Adams, our associational missionary, and we ask for their continued support.

We would insist that each church of the association send a representative to our annual meeting at Bethel church Sat. before the 3d Sunday in Sept.

Mrs. D. F. Horton.

W. S. Farthing read the report on Nominations. Report adopted.

NOMINATIONS

Your Com. would recommend for Executive Committee G. P. Hagaman, I. G. Greer, Newton Howell, D. C. Mast, Wade Byers, with the Moderator and Clerk of this body.

For member of State B'd of Missions: Smith Hagaman.

" Associational Vice Pres. F. M. Board: W. Y. Perry.

" Sunday School Secretary: Roy Gragg.

As Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: J. H. Farthing, L.

C. Wilson, W. Y. Perry, R. C. Eggers.

As Delegates to Baptist State Convention: F. M. Huggins, Roby C.

Eggers, and Edgar Hodges.

Correspondents to Ashe Association: L. A. Wilson, John Norris, W. H. Michael, and Will H. McGuire.

To Stony Fork Association: C. S. Farthing, Levi Green, E. M. Gragg.

To Caldwell Co. Association: I. C. Miller, J. D. Brown, Jas. Bradshaw, G. W. Trivett

To Watauga Association: J. H. Farthing, R. C. Eggers, Wagoner A. Reese, R. L. Palmer.

To Mitchell Co. Association: G. W. Robbins, Wellington Swift, W. A. Braswell.

Any member in good standing at home is authorized to report himself a Corresponding Messenger to any association with which we have correspondence. Respectfully submitted,

W. S. Farthing.

G. W. Robbins read the report on Resolutions. Report adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved 1st: That we as delegates and pastors of the Three Forks Association feel thankful to Almighty God for His wonderful blessings through an other associational year.

Second, That we dedicate our lives and our money to His cause, and that we use every effort for the building up of our churches in all this land and country of ours.

Third, That we express our gratitude to the people of Gap Creek Baptist church, and the community at large, for their hospitality and kind entertainment of the association. Respectfully submitted,

G. W. Robbins, Hester Farthing, Com.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDENTS

L. C. Wilson reported attending Southern Baptist Convention, and Holston Association.

W. Y. Perry reported attending Southern Baptist Convention.

Table 2.= Financial

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	75-Million Campaign	Building & Repairs	Incident-als	S. S. Expenses	Poor	Minute Fund	Orphan-age	Ministeri-al Relief	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Christian Education	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Antioch	62.87	145.56	25.00	10.67	1.60	58.32	7.66	44.90	5.00	136.35	4.05	20.00	105.44	245.20	927.98	
Bethel	100.00	543.91	14.45	22.25	2.00	68.76	9.92						30.20	385.58		
Beaver Dam	100.00			15.00	1.25											
Bethany			138.59	91.73	1.50	127.11	3.51			4.00						707.44
Blowing Rock	229.00	113.50			2.00											
Boone																
Brushy Fork	162.50	5.50	20.00	9.00	40.00	1.75	42.56	3.51	31.35	26.85	1.00	3.85	1.50	376.22		
Cove Creek	350.00	219.59	144.60	26.98	21.20	2.00	61.29						65.00	890.66		
Cool Springs	145.00		50.00		1.50	15.00						6.		217.50		
Clarks Creek	40.00			2.00	.85	3.00								46.00		
Elk Knob	22.35			4.75	.50									.45	28.05	
Fall Creek				2.00	.75	4.61								12.50		
Forest Grove	144.68	132.92		10.85	1.00	130.78	29.31	18.00	25.11				34.25	526.90		
Gap Creek	110.85	51.23	49.00	7.60	17.49	18.00		5.00						260.77		
Howards Creek	116.90			32.00	3.00	9.14	8.19							171.58		
Laurel Springs	122.40	106.27	9.25	19.00	4.00	3.50	13.90						115.22	395.44		
Liberty Grove	52.87			4.34	11.42	1.60	67.91	11.60						165.99		
Meat Camp	139.20	26.00	51.45	88.55	14.26	2.17	20.82	25.30	20.50	2.04		11.48	124.50	576.27		
Middle Fork	110.00	16.00		7.70	16.53	1.75	30.00						54.51	264.99		
Mt. Calvary	170.64	73.71		8.58	1.50	30.54								290.01		
Mt. Lebanon	88.43			6.00	31.00	1.60	55.65						50.00	232.68		
Mt. Gilead		77.44		9.75	1.20	21.16							20.00	128.55		
Oak Grove	41.30				.55	9.00								50.85		
Pleasant Grove	78.56	53.12	37.92	12.29	17.62	21.19	2.21	70.98	10.41	12.00		3.25		84		
Rich Mountain	20.79			3.00	10.00	.75	26.73		2.00			2.00		425.38		
Rich Mountain	20.79			3.00	10.00	.75	26.73							8.92	83.19	
Rich Mountain	20.79			3.00	10.00	.75	26.73							103.26	241.02	

South Fork.....	178.97	36.00	301.52	12.20	7 50	1.80	105.12	4.35	3.00	3.00	8 30	1.70	649.00
Stony Fork.....	65 70		204 00			2 50		3.00				60	359 00
Samson.....		5 50		6 00		1 75	18 00	2.00					24 30
Three Forks.....		150 89		14 52		1 50	51 39	17.94					17 78 254 03
Timb'd Ridge.....						1 50	32 28	3 70	3 67	2 00	3 97	2 00	6 87 248 78
Union.....	104.89	17 60	9.00	40 00	12 85	6.35	1 60	32 28	3 70	2 00	2 00		270 01
Willowdale.....	100 50	5 00		10 00	15 00	12 00	1 50	75 67	10 00	5 07	5 07		26 95 303 97
Zionville.....	138 67	24 00	14 00	10 00		1 15	34 58	9 19	16 35	15 05	14 03		52 64
Zion Hill.....	21 75			2 64	27 00	1 25							

W. M. U. TABLE.

CHURCH	Organization	President	Post Office	No. of Members	State Missions 75 M	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Board	Training School	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Bethel.....	W. M. U.	Mrs. W. W. Wilson,	Sweet Water	20	67.20	23.43	4.60	.....	7.00	2.00	99 63
Beaver Dam.....	"	" Jane Swift,	Reese, N.C.	13						3.00	7.60
Blowing Rock.....	"	" J. D. Brown,	Blowing Rock		56.00					50.00	116.00
"	Sunbeams	" J M Hodges	"								
Boone.....	W. M. U.	" I G Greer,	Boone,	8	124.10		1.30			27.40	212.30
"	Y. M. A.	" Annie Winkler,	"	45	1.45					16.20	17.65
"	Sunbeams	" Bernice Gragg,	"	12	1.25						1.25
"	R. A. U.	" J M Moretz,	"	37							9.21
Cove Creek.....	B. Y. P. U.	" I G Greer,	"								
Forest Grove.....	W. M. U.	" Annie V. Sherwood,	Sherwood	30	4.45	6.48	10.20	60.92	25.00	23.65	136.70
Timbered Ridge.....	W. M. U.	" Alice Moody,	Vilas	8	31.20		27.20		2.65	31.75	61.60
	"	" Clara Greene,	Peoria				3.20			5.00	39.40

The Clerk read the report of

COLPORTEUR

As Colporteur I submit the following:

Books on hand last report	\$48.00	
Cash on hand last report	7.89	
Books bought during the year	134.16	
Due Publishers	5.08	
Books sold during the year		\$139.83
Books on hand		55.80
	\$195.13	\$195.13

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Greene, Colporteur.

Report adopted. A. J. Greene was reelected as Colporteur.

The Treasurer read his report. Report adopted.

A motion prevailed that W. Y. Perry be continued Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received for Orphanage	\$ 78.44
" " State Board of Missions	134.70
" " T. L. Blalock	3.25
" " Minute Fund	48.14
Total	\$264.53

DISBURSEMENTS

To Orphanage..... \$78.56

" Walters Durham for:

Foreign Missions	38.30
State Missions	34.01
Home Missions	16.23
Missions (undesignated)	15.58
Associational Missions	3.61
Ministerial Relief	26.97
T. L. Blalock	3.23
Clerk of Association	7.50
Will H. McGuire for printing	40.64
Treasurer for postage	.15

Total \$264.66

Amonnt due Treasurer .13

The Report on Finance was read by H. E. Greene, and adopted.

[No Report appears in the Manuscript.—Printer.]

E. F. Sherwood read the Report on

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We your Committee on Time, Place and Preacher for the next session of the Three Forks Baptist Association submit the following: We have decided that it be held with Bausby Fork church, beginning at 10 A. M. Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in August 1921; Eld. F. M. Higgins to preach Introductory Sermon, alternate, Eld. E. C. Hodges.

E. F. Sherwood, M. McBride, Wade Byers, Com.

The Moderator announced the Standing Committees as follows:

Committees—1921

Foreign Missions: W. S. Farthing, E. J. Farthing.
 Home Missions: A. J. Greene, R. C. Eggers.
 State Missions: F. M. Huggins, E. D. Robbins.
 Education: W. Y. Perry, W. F. Sherwood.
 Pastoral Support: D. C. Mast, E. M. Greer.
 Sunday Schools: Roy Dotson, S. C. Eggers.
 Orphanage: John Norris, E. M. Gragg.
 Books and Periodicals: I. G. Greer, Clyde R. Greene.
 Resolutions: C. S. Farthing, Wade L. Greene.
 Order of Business: W. Y. Perry, E. F. Sherwood.
 State of Churches: Lee Swift, G. P. Sherrill.
 Duties of Pastors to Churches: W. S. Farthing, Wm. Elrod.
 Temperance: J. R. Isaacs, John Mast.
 Woman's Work: Mrs. D. E. Horton, Mrs. I. G. Greer.
 Old Ministers' Relief: G. W. Robbins, John Riddle.
 Nominations: Edgar Hardin, Roy Gragg.

A motion prevailed that the Clerk be appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of Minutes, and that he be allowed \$7.50 for his services.

J. H. Farthing was appointed to conduct the closing exercises.
 Prayer was offered by J. H. Farthing.

R. C. Eggers preached at the stand at 11 A. M.

Amazing Grace was sung and the messengers gave each other the parting hand.

Adjourned with benediction by F. M. Huggins.

SMITH HAGAMAN,

W. Y. PERRY,

Clerk.

Moderator.

Ordained Ministers

Name	Post Office and State	Name	Post Office and State
Braswell, W. A.	Montezuma, N.C.	Michael, W. H.	Trade Tenn.
Brown, Asa	Brownwood, "	Miller, I. C.	Stony Fork, N.C.
Carlton, J. C.	Jaliaetta, Idaho.	Norris, John	Boone, "
Eller J. F.	Vilas, N.C.	Pennell W. A.	Zionville "
Farthing J. H.	Sweet Water "	Palmer, R. L.	Beech Creek, "
"	C. S. Sugar Grove "	Robbins, E. D.	Blowing R'k "
Gragg, E. M.	Vilas, "	Reese, Wagner A.	Reese "
Greene, Levi	Hopkins, "	Shore, R. H.	Blowing Rock "
"	A. J. Mabel, "	Swift, W.	Reese, "
Eggers, R. C.	Zionville, "	Trivett, G. W.	Sugar Grove, "
Huggins, F. M.	Boone, "	Wilson, L. A.	Lionville, "
Keller, John,	Wilman, Ky.	Wilson, L. C.	Watauga Val. Tenn

TABLE III.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	SUPT.	P. O.	SEC'Y	P. O.	No. of Schools	Teachers and Officers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Mem-bers in S. S.	Months Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Bethel	E. J. Farthing	Sweet Water	Crathie Shell	Sweet Water	1	9	127	136	56	12	10	22.25	000.00	56.94	79.19
Blowing Rock	J H Winkler	Blowing Rock	Hellen Coffey	Blowing Rock	1	12	75	87	54	12		91.73	42.11		133.84
Brushy Fork	L M Trivette	Vilas, N C	W H Bingham	Vilas	1	5	40	45	12						
Cove Creek	J J Glenn	Sugar Grove	Thelma Perry	Vilas	1	10	80	90	40	12	4	26.98	46.52		73.50
Fall Creek	T B Gryder	Heaton	Pearl Story	Heaton	1	5	25	30	16	8	2	2.00	4.61		6.61
Forest Grove	R C Moody	Vilas	Anita Hagaman	Vilas	1	11	90	101	60	12		10.85	105.98	10.85	127.68
Meat Camp	W W Norris	Sands	Clyde R Green	Zionville	1	7	94	101	50	12	3	14.26	2.00		16.26
Mt. Lebanon	S B Hayes	Vilas	M A Bumgarner	Vilas	1	5	52	57	15	12		6.00	7.27	3.00	16.27
Pleasant Grove	N F Byers	Zionville	Nora A Mast	Zionville	1	9	81	90		12	15	17.62			17.62
Rich Mtn.	A B Greene	Zionville	A A Bennington	Zionville	1	5	65	70	10	9		3.00			3.00
South Fork	I E Duncan	Todd	Anna Tatum	Todd	1	5				12					
Union	Sol. Younce	Mabel	Sallie Warren	Mabel	1	10	80	90	50	12	7	12.85			12.85
Willowdale	Linney Barnes	Boone	Rosedna Dugger	Vilas	1	8	75	84	40	12		15.00	75.67		90.67
Zionville	George Roten	Zionville	Pearl Grogan	Trade, Tenn.	1	6	45	51	12		5	10.00		7.50	17.50
Zion Hill	E F Harman	Beech Creek	A J Trivette	Leander	1	5	30	35	20	6		2.64			2.64

Note: Names of churches not giving S. S. statistics are omitted from above Table to save space.—Printer.



Roll of Messengers

- Antioch—E M Greer.
- Bethel—James E Farthing, W S Farthing.
- Beaver Dam—Lee Swift.
- Bethany—Letter, no messengers.
- Blowing Rock—E D Robbins.
- Boone—Letter, no messengers.
- Brushy Fork—J H Brown, L M Trivett.
- Cove Creek—E F Sherwood, W Y Perry,
- Clark's Creek—Letter.
- Cool Springs—J M Pearson, J. W. Pennell.
- Elk Knob—J M Vannoy.
- Full Creek—Letter.
- Forest Grove—Smith Hagaman.
- Gap Creek—H E Greene, John Watson.
- Howard's Creek—Manley McBride.
- Laurel Springs—E B Hardin, Hoy Greene, Arthur Greene.
- Liberty Grove—S P Miller, J L Miller, M H Goodman.
- Meat Camp—Wade Byers, W W Norris, Clyde B Greene.
- Middle Fork—Letter.
- Mt. Gilead—Letter.
- Mt. Calvary---Letter
- Mt. Lebanon---Letter.
- Oak Grove—W M Hodges.
- Pleasant Grove—Letter.
- Rich Mountain—Letter.
- Stony Fork—H. H. Smith, A J Welborn, D L Welborn.
- South Fork--W F Norris, T M Jones, J. S. Brown.
- Samson—No Letter or messengers.
- Shulls Mills—G W Robbins.
- Three Forks—Will Hayes.
- Timbered Ridge—Letter.
- Union—Letter.
- Willowdale—Letter.
- Zion Hill—Letter.
- Zionville —Manley Greene.

Officers of Association

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|---|--------------|
| SMITH HAGAMAN, Moderator and Historian, | Vilas, N. C. |
| W. Y. PERRY, Clerk and Treasurer, | " " |
| A. J. GREENE, Colporteur, | Mabel, " |



Minutes of the Three Forks Annual Meeting of the W. M. U.

The seventh annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Association was held in Bethel Baptist Church Sept. 18th, 1920, the president, Mrs. D. F. Horton, in the chair.

Opening session called to order at 10 a. m.

Singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."

Devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Clide Perry who took as her subject "Stewardship."

Prayer by F. M. Huggins.

The address of welcome was made by Miss Lula Farthing.

Response by Mrs. J. M. Moretz.

The roll of churches was called and representatives recognized as follows:—Bethel 5, Boone 7, Beaver Dam 4, Cove Creek 6, Forest Grove 5, Pleasant Grove 1, Timbered Ridge 2, Willow Dale 3.

The following visitors were recognized: Mrs. J. A. Boldin Lenoir, former Supt. of the Caldwell Union, Mrs. A. R. Barlow Lenoir, and Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Stukenbroke.

The annual report of the Superintendent was then read:

A very interesting paper was read by Mrs. J. A. Boldin, "Annual enlistment in the Society and Reaching the Unenlisted Church."

Mrs. A. R. Barlow read a paper urging larger circulation of Mission Magazines.

The following committees were appointed:

Nominating Mrs. Smith Hagaman, Mrs. Lee Swift, Mrs. Emma Moore, Mrs. Enoch Swift, Miss Clara Green, Mrs. Emma Henson, and Mrs. Maggie Perry.

Resolutions: Mrs. I. G. Greer and Mrs. George Swift.

Time and Place: Mrs. Nan Johnson and Mrs. F. M. Huggins.

Song, "Revive us again."

Rev. F. M. Huggins preached the annual sermon at 11:30, taking as his theme 'Woman's devotion to her Lord,' reading John 12:1-9.

Song, "Blest be the tie."

Closing prayer by F. M. Huggins.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song, "The Woman's Hymn."

Devotional service led by Mrs. K. D. Stukenbroke, reading the three great "Commissions of our Lord," emphasizing Women's part in helping to carry out the Commission in giving the gospel to the world. Prayer by Mrs. Stukenbroke.

An interesting paper: "God's plan for the individual life" was read by Mrs. Clide Eggers, then Scripture verses were recited by the



congregation on the new birth.

A paper, The importance of prayer in the life of the individual was read by Mrs. Green after which a special prayer for the enlistment of the women of the Three Forks association in the organized work was offered by Mrs. I. G. Greer.

Reports were read from the societies showing a splendid increase in gifts the past year, and an earnest desire to increase their efforts the coming year.

Some helpful suggestions were given by Rev. K. D. Stukenbroke, also Mrs. J. A. Bolden reminded us that the Southern Baptist Convention has asked that the gifts of all women be credited to the Union if not otherwise stated in the pledge cards.

"Why we should have a mission study class" was read by Miss Annie Sherwood.

The Union then enjoyed a most interesting "Demonstration" of a Mission study class, taught by Mrs. Stukenbroke, using "All the Word in All the World."

On motion of Mrs. F. M. Huggins a message of greeting will be sent to Mrs. W. W. Wilson who is absent because of illness.

Report on Christian Education by Mrs. Hattie Johnson.

Report on W. M. U. Training School by Mrs. Huggins.

Mrs. Stukenbroke, a former Training School student, spoke interestingly of the school.

Report of Sunbeams, Mrs. Emma Moore.

The Nominating Committee made the following report:

Mrs. D. F. Horton Supt., Mrs. I. G. Greer Asst. Supt., Mrs. J. M. Moretz Secy. & Treas. Mrs. F. M. Huggins Y. W. A. Supt., Mrs. Emma Moore Junior Supt. Literature Secy. Mrs. Alice Moody and Mrs. W. W. Wilson Personal Service Chairman.

The report was adopted and Mrs. Horton resumed the chair.

Recommendations were read by Mrs. G. P. Hagaman and adopted by the body.

Mrs. I. G. Greer served as committee on Resolutions, expressing her gratitude and hearty thanks to the Bethel church for their fine hospitality shown the Union, and we also wish to express our thanks to Mr. W. W. Wilson for placing an organ in the church for our benefit. Minutes read and approved.

After singing "I Gave My Life For Thee," and prayer by brother Winfield Farthing, the Union adjourned to meet at Beaver Dam church on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in Sept. 1921.

Mrs. D. F. Horton, Superintendent.

Mrs. J. M. Moretz, Asst. Supt.



		Pres.	P. O.	No. mem.
W. M. S.	Bethel	Mrs. Lora Wilson	Sugar Grove	29
"	Timb'rd Ridge	Miss Clara Green,	Leander	6
"	Blowing Rock	Mrs. J. D. Brown	Blowing Rock	7
Sunbeams	Blowing Rock	Mrs. Hodges	—	—
"	Beaver Dam	Mrs. George Swift	Reese	10
"	Cove Creek	Miss Annie Sherwood	Sherwood	28
"	Boone	Mrs. I. G. Greer	Boone	30
Sunbeams	Boone	Mrs. Emma Moore	"	25
W. M. S.	Willowdale	Mrs. W. L. Johnson	—	—
"	Forest Grove	Mrs. Alice Moody	—	—

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BRUSHY FORK BAPTIST CHURCH

WATAUGA COUNTY, N. C.

August 30 & 31, 1921.

The next session of this Association to be held at Timbered Ridge Church, Watauga Co., beginning Wednesday after the 4th Sunday in August, 1922.

Eld. A. J. Greene to preach the introductory sermon;
Eld. L. C. Wilson alternate.

Will H. McGuire, Printer, Brookside, N. C.

MINUTES

— Of The —

Three Forks Baptist Association

ANNUAL SESSION LXXXI.



Lovill, N. C.,

Tuesday Morning, Aug. 30, 1921.

THE Three Forks Baptist Association met in its eighty-first annual session in the house of worship of Brushy Fork Baptist church. "He Will Carry Us Safely Home" was sung. Prayer was then offered, L. A. Wilson leading.

"Down at the Cross" was sung, after which F. M. Huggins, the appointee for the annual sermon, read John 1 chap. from 35th verse. Prayer by F. M. Huggins. Nearer My God to Thee was sung. Bro. Huggins then announced as his text Luke 14 chap. 23 v. Subject: "Winning the Lost to Christ."

After the sermon R. C. Eggers led in prayer.

Rescue the Perishing was sung.

The moderator called for the church letters that had not been sent to the clerk.

A motion prevailed that the church letters be turned over to the Committee on Finance.

A motion prevailed that W. S. Farthing cast the ballot of the association for the present officers. Bro. Farthing so cast the ballot; Smith Hagaman for Moderator and W. Y. Perry Clerk.

The order of business was read by E. F. Sherwood, and adopted.

The moderator invited correspondents and visitors from sister associations to seats. The following brethren reported: Jerry Harrison and B. F. Wilcox from Stony Fork, J. H. Love from Watauga P. P. Hayes from Holston, Tenn., J. P. Wilkinson from Mt. Lebanon, Va., John Hodges from Stony Fork, and Mrs. Victoria Greene from Sweet Water, Tenn.

The moderator appointed the messengers from Bethel church as com. on obituary of Rev. C. S. Farthing; messengers from Forest Grove on obituary of Rev. J. F. Eller; for obituary of Rev. Asa Brown, Vance Howell and T. M. Jones.

W. R. Cragg and Roy Dotson were appointed Com. on Finance.

Com. on Time, Place and Preacher: Wm. Elrod, E. B. Hagaman.

The pastor and messengers of Brushy Fork church were appointed a committee on Religious Exercises.

J. R. Isaacs read the report on

TEMPERANCE

We are glad to note the fact that Prohibition has done much for the last few years in moralizing our country, in decreasing crime, the number of orphan children and the number behind prison bars in our county, state and nation. It also makes more loving companions and happier homes.

But remember, Liquor is not all gone yet, as we see the effects of it around our public places. According to statistics the greatest drive against liquor since the nation went on a dry basis is in full swing today. An army of about 50,000 law enforcement officers is now co-operating with Federal Prohibition Commissioner Haynes, in administering the Volstead law.

Imported liquor is being seized and piled on our shores in great quantities and I am sorry to say it still has its staying places in our cities, towns and homes, yet tis true, and unless we as Christians and citizens of this great country of ours, increase our zeal against it, we will have it to deal with.

The fight is on, Christ on our side, victory is ours, Christ for us, who can be against us?

J. R. Isaacs, }
J. H. Mast, } Com.

The report adopted after being discussed by L. C. Wilson, Wm. Elrod, E. J. Farthing, F. M. Huggins, J. L. Hayes, C. J. Cottrell, John Norris, J. R. Isaacs, Smith Hagaman.

Com. on Religious Exercises reported that J. H. Farthing preach at the stand at 2:30, and Clay Wilson at the church at 8 to night

J. R. Isaacs led Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow.

Benediction by John Norris.

Adjourned for one hour

AFTERNOON

The association reassembled to the singing of Amazing Grace.

Clay Wilson led in prayer.

The Report on The Duties of Pastors to their Churches was read by W. S. Farthing.

DUTIES of PASTORS to CHURCHES

The calling of a minister or pastor is the most important calling in this life. He has the greatest duties to perform, duties which concern this life and that which is to come, and the prosperity of the Lord's kingdom, from a human stand point, depends largely upon the pastors.

The pastor should be the spiritual guide and guardian of his flock. He should ward off dangerous influences and fortify the minds of his people against them. He should teach them their full duty to God

and their fellow men.

He should labor to evangelize the unsaved in the community of his church, to add them to his fold and to develop them for service.

The pastor owes it to his church to know something. In the first place, he should know his people, their environments, their associates, their temperaments, and all their needs. He cannot know these things by riding several miles once a month, preaching twice, and then returning home at once. He should frequently be in touch with all his people.

In the second place he should have something with which to supply the spiritual and moral needs of those under his charge. The pastor should give himself to reading and thinking. The Bible should be his main text book. He should know the book, but he should not be afraid of using other books. There are many books that would help the minister in studying and understanding the Bible, and he should have them, and the Baptist pastor should take and read at least one good Baptist paper.

The pastor should also labor for the betterment of the community in which his church is located. He should strive to make it a better place to live in, a better place to raise children in, and a better place to do church work in.

Lastly, the pastor should reinforce his teachings by his examples. The true life of a pastor is one of his greatest assets. He should lead his flock in every good work. He should himself be what he teaches them to be, and ever act as he teaches them to act.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. Farthing,)
Wm. Elrod,) Com.

The Report on Pastoral Support was read by E. M. Greer.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

The support of worthy pastors is a Christian duty enjoined upon all the members of all the respective churches of this, our Three Forks Association, which should be more than lightly considered.

A Christian membership, choosing a minister as their servant, and one who they can safely follow as their Christian leader, should and ever be ready to hold his hands up by their regular attendance at their church meetings, with a reasonable remuneration as pay for his faithful labor taking care of his members, and working for our Lord and Master.

The pastors of all churches are expected to meet the members of the same, and there is nothing more inspiring to both preacher and members than to work in harmony to better the condition of our hopeful world.

One of the many Christian duties of a church membership is to be

there at the date, time and hour of preaching.

One most important anxiety on the part of the members of all churches is the support of their worthy pastors, as it is a just and Christian duty.

E. M. Greer, {
D. C. Mast, } Com.

Reports discussed by W. S. Farthing, E. M. Greer, D. C. Mast, Wm Elrod, E. J. Farthing. Reports adopted.

The Report on Orphanage was read by E. M. Gragg,

ORPHANAGE

The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville is one of the best institutions that the Baptist have under their fostering care, and the Kennedy Home coming up to help with the fine farm with 80 children under care there, and 450 at Thomasville, making 531. Therefore we should feel it our duty to help those children with our means, and do all we can to incourage those noble men who are looking after those children. Let us go there with our help and our prayers, and help the widow and orphans at home as much as we can.

E. M. Gragg, John Norris, Com.

Report adopted after being dscussed by E. M. Gragg, L. C. Wilson, F. M. Huggins, Smith Hagaman.

L. C. Wilson read the report on State of the Churches, discussing the same. The discussion was continued by F. M. Huggins.

Report adopted.

STATE of the CHURCHES

In recent years there has been some increase in the number of additions to the churches. There has also been a general increase in the amounts of their contributions for Pastoral Support, Missions, &c. The financial table however shows, that as yet, there is no general response for the objects fostered by the denomination. Most of the churches contribute nothing to Home, State and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Relief and Christian Education. We believe that these objects are neglected largely because the average church member knows nothing about them and consequently cares nothing. It is the duty of the pastors to acquaint themselves with needs and conditions and lead their churches into this important part of our work.

Another great problem is the enlistment of all the members in church work and placing individual responsibility upon each one. Too many churchmen have taken advantage of their denominational freedom and are in no way actively related to the church. Not more than half of the church members in the association attend their church meetings. Considerably less than half attend Sunday-school and even a less number are vitally interested in church work. We believe these conditions might be remedied to some extent by taking a religious census, more frequent roll calls, stricter discipline and more personal work. Respectfully,

G. P. Sherrill, Com.

A motion prevailed to adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, L. C. Wilson to conduct devotional exercises.

Benediction by R. C. Eggers.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUG. 31, 1921.

The associatioo met and engaged in devotional exercises, conducted by B. F. Wilcox who read Matt. 10:1—15.

John Norris lead in prayer. The congregation then sung "Glory to His Name." Prayer was again offered by B. F. Wilcox.

The association was called to order by the Moderator. The Clerk then read the proceedings of yesterday, amended and adopted.

The roll of messengers was called and absentees erased.

The Report on Christian Education was read by the Clerk who spoke to the same. The report was further discussed by Geo. R. Sherrill, L. C. Wilson, Rev. A. P. VanDusan and E. J. Farthing.

Report adopted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The aim of Christian Education is to make men and women of Christian character.

Ex President Wilson said: "Character is not taught but caught." Therefore, it is very necessary for us to have schools with the proper views of life manned with teachers of strong Christian character.

Granting that the spiritual side of a person is after all the most essential, how can religion be excluded from education? It cannot without detriment. Education divorced from religion is even more disastrous than no education. Current history has shown us in Russia the baleful effects of no education and in Germany the still more baleful effects of anti Christian state education.

The superiority of the Christian school is shown in the fact that the state school renders a man fit for service to the state. and the vocational school for service to self, but the Christian school makes one capable of service to God and man.

If the members of our churches could be made to realize that the maintenance and enlargement of our Christian schools is a fundamental condition of denominational progress, they would be more careful in the selection of schools for their children.

W. Y. Perry, Com.

W. C. Wilson reported as a visitor foom LaClecle Co. Asso., Mo.

W. S. Farthing read the roport on

FOREIGN MISSIONS

In the last 50 years Southern Baptists have made great progress in foreign missionary activities and results. In 1870 we had only 11 missionaries on the foreign fields, and 250 converts, and the contributions of Southern Baptists, for foreign missions for that year am-

ounted to only \$21,938.

The last conventional year we had 341 missionaries under appointment, 6,998 baptisms, and the native churches contributed \$295,438—an average for all the fields of about \$5.00 per church member.

About one third of the native churches are now self-supporting. We have 544 schools on the fields with 18,000 pupils. We have 16 hospitals in which 205,000 patients were treated the last year. Fifty years ago there were no schools or hospitals of any consequence on these fields.

We now have 457 missionaries under appointment and 611 churches on the fields, with a membership of 59,438. Houses of worship are needed for one half the churches and residences for one half the missionaries.

Our Foreign Mission Board has appropriated something over \$3,000,000 for the prosecution of foreign missions for this year.

Fifty years ago Southern Baptists had no missions outside of China and one or two other countries. Today they have mission stations on every continent on the globe.

Since the London Conference, steps have been taken and initial work done, towards establishing missions in a stretch of territory in southern Europe, embracing Spain, Hungary, Jugo Slavia, Roumania, Ukraine, and southern Russia. The work in these nations will be done in co-operation with the native Baptists.

The Board is also preparing to establish missions in five new provinces in China. Plans are also laid to enter Siberia at two different points, east and west, and if all the plans of our leaders materialize, Southern Baptists will have belted the globe with missions.

The above facts and figures are very encouraging but not at all satisfying. Some one has said that if all the Baptists of the world are now doing to evangelize the race, were multiplied by ten, it would not more than suffice to give every one, who has it not, the New Testament message.

The old work on our missionary fields needs to be better equipped.

The new territory in China and Siberia will stand in need of every thing from the foundation, and the work in southern Europe will stand in need of a great deal of help. Our Baptist people there, tho true, are comparatively few, and poor people. There is perhaps, not a page of Baptist literature, outside of the Bible, circulated in any of those nations, and in some of them, new copies of the Bible can not be obtained now, at any price. In some places they copy hymns on paper, to be used in religious services.

They have no Baptist schools nor hospitals in this new territory.

Now if the work, projected by our leaders is accomplished, a great deal of money will be needed to carry it on and develop it.

We urge all our people, who have pledged to the Seventy-five Million Campaign, to redeem their pledges, that the work may not drag. We also urge all who have *not* pledged anything, to enlist and help to support Foreign Missions, because the fact, that we have not pledged, does not relieve us of the obligation to contribute, nor shut us out from the privilege and blessedness of giving.

The work also will demand many more workers. The Lord alone can give us these. Let us therefore heed the injunction of the Saviour: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." We should also *earnestly* pray for the success of their labors.

E. J. Farthing,
W. S. Farthing.

A. J. Greene read the report on

HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board is our great organization for work among Southern Baptists. Its work is largely cooperative with the various State Mission agencies. Here are some of the ways that help is extended:

1. It furnishes a medium for the strong to help the weak.
2. It helps the growing cities to solve their religious problems.
3. Country churches are assisted in developing and becoming efficient.
4. The evangelization of our southland is the chief goal.
5. It conserves our Baptist people by enlisting them in our work.

The following is a summary of the year's work:

1. In the Evangelistic Department there have been 15,567 baptisms and 22,689 additions to the churches.
2. Among the Foreigners, Indians and Negroes there were 2,157 and 3,208 additions to the churches.
3. In cooperative missions we had eighty Enlistment workers; our Sanatorium treated 298 patients with the great White Plague; much work was done among our soldiers and sailors; our mountain schools had a prosperous year; we aided 824 churches in building; many tracts and books were distributed among our people.

We recommend that our people not only give their prayers to this cause, but that they give it their financial support.

Respectfully submitted.

A. J. Greene,)
R. C. Eggers, } Com

F. M. Huggins read the report on

STATE MISSIONS

The State Board of Missions is responsible for Foreign Missions and Home Missions, but administers only State Mission funds.

State Missions is divided into the following departments: Evangelism, Church Building, Sunday Schools, B.Y.P.U., W. M. U., and Negro Work. The Colportage work has been changed into a Book

Department. while the Mobile Schools, though serving useful ends, have largely been discontinued.

Let us notice the work of these departments.

1. Evangelism, or the winning of the lost to Christ is our first and perhaps most important work. The State Board of Missions has employed an Evangelist for the eastern part of the state, and proposes to employ one for the western part. In addition to these, Bro. A. C. Hamby has been secured as general enlistment worker for the state.

2. Church Building. Last year there were \$5247.02 contributed to the Church Building fund. This inadequately small sum is supplemented by an appropriation of \$5000 by the Home Mission Board. But even with this it is small in comparison with the demands made upon it.

3. Sunday Schools. The Sunday Schools of the state have made phenomenal development during the past year.

4. B. Y. P. U. This department has accomplished great things in the training of the young people of our state. Under the leadership of Mr. Perry Morgan the work is expected to go forward. The churches of this association should encourage the organization of B. Y. P. U. s for the training and development of the young people.

5. W. M. U. This department has proved itself worthy in every way. Last convention year the total contributions of the W. M. U. was \$174,326.98.

6. Negro work. Dr. A. W. Pegues has been in the joint employ of our Board of Missions and the Union Baptist Convention, his work being divided between the young preachers of Shaw University and the holding of Institutes among the pastors out on the field.

During the last convention year the State Board of Missions employed 178 missionaries. They supplied 279 churches aided directly by the Board. There were 4,378 conversions, and 1,953 baptisms. \$103,839.42 was contributed to State Missions last year. Of this amount the churches aided by the Board contributed \$12,277.78.

The present situation of our mission work in this state is distressing. Dr. Maddy writes that there is a falling off in the payment of the pledges to the 75-million Campaign. Not over \$628,000, including gifts to the Orphanage, has been sent in for all objects since the last convention. This leaves \$600,000 to be raised by Oct. 31st if we reach our quota. Ten Thousands a Day for Sixty Days!

In this general falling off in the payment of pledges to the 75 Million Campaign, State Missions must suffer with the rest.

We recommend 1, that members of the churches keep their covenant with God and faith with each other in the payment of our pledges to the campaign, 2, that the churches hold revival meetings

making a religious survey as preparation for it; 3, that the pastors preach State Missions at least once during the year; 4, that special collections be taken to supplement the quota to the 75 Million fund; 5, that the pastors secure tracts and other literature from the Board of Missions and distribute them among the members of the churches.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. Robbins, }
F. M. Huggins, } Com.

W. S. Farthing led in the discussion of the above reports followed by A. J. Greene, F. M. Huggins, J. H. Farthing. Reports adopted.

I. G. Greer read the report on

BOOKS and PERIODICALS

Our reading should produce in us three results. First, we should read the papers, magazines and books that will give us general information on the important questions of the day. This will keep us posted on the industrial, social, political and religious world. Without this information we cannot have a strong Christian citizenship.

In the second place, our Baptist people should read books and periodicals that will give them information as to what our denomination is doing. It is not natural for people to be interested in something they know nothing about.

We urge our people to inform themselves through the columns of the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, Home and Foreign Fields and other religious periodicals as to what the Baptists are doing.

Ignorance never accomplished anything. The church is in need of a more intelligent membership.

Your committee urges in the 3d place that our people read the Book that will ground them more firmly in the distinctive doctrines of the Baptist Faith, and that will deepen their spirituality. These are the two paramount needs today of the Baptists of the Three Forks Association.

Report adopted after being discussed by I. G. Greer, W. R. Gragg.

D. D. Dougherty said if there was any pastor in the association who was not taking the Biblical Recorder he would pay his subscription for six months.

A motion prevailed to adjourn for one hour. How Firm a Foundation was sung. Benediction by J. H. Farthing.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUG. 31, 1921

The association sang Jesus Lover of My Soul. A. J. Greene led in prayer.

G. W. Robbins read the report on

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

We your committee appointed to draft resolutions for Old Ministers Relief.

1. We know of no more neglected cause in our Baptist cause than

TABLE I.—STATISTICAL

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CHURCHES	PASTOR	P. O.	CLERK	P. O.	Time of Preaching	Value of Ch. Property	Received by Baptism	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Lost by Letter	Excluded	No. of Males	No. Females	Total Membership
Antioch	W. Swift	Reece,	N. C. D M	Edmisten	Watauga Falls	\$1000	....	..	..	5	1	68	79	147
Bethel	J H Farthing	Sweet Water	"	W S Farthing	Sugar Grove	4	400		1	3	2	3	72	93
Beaver Dam	"	"		Luther Wilson	Reese	N. C. 1	200		1	3	6	3	52	79
Bethany	T. Watson	Hackett		H M Watson	Hackett	1	500	12	1	2	2	2	27	38
Blowing Rock	F M Huggins	Boone		M C Johnson	Blowing Rock	1	2000	4	4	1	2	9	53	64
Boone	"	"		W R Gragg	Boone	2-4	1000	23	17	5	1	83	101	184
Brushy Fork	L A Wilson	Zionville		J H Presnell	Vilas	2	2000	5	1	4	1	43	47	90
Cove Creek	F M Huggins	Boone		E F Sherwood	"	3	1000	4	4			37	78	115
Cool Springs	E C Hodges	Adams		A P Bolick	Shulls Mills	1	1000	7	2	6		39	44	83
Clarks Creek	R H Shores	Blowing Rock		G W Rowe	Valle Crucis	2	500					15	26	41
Elk Knob	J R Trivett	Trade, Tenn		J M South	Tamarack	2	400	12	1	1		32	58	90
Fall Creek	G W Trivett	Sugar Grove		W B Norris	Heaton	2	300		3		1	23	18	46
Forest Grove	R C Eggers	Zionville		W R Johnson	Vilas	2	1000	1		2	3	57	79	136
Gap Creek	Levi Greene	Hopkins		H E Greene	Hopkins	1	1200	3	2	2	3	48	83	131
Howards Creek	D M Wheeler	Boone		E J Norris	Sands	4	500	1	1	1	1	31	56	87
Laurel Springs	L A Wilson	Zionville		E B Hardin	Rutherford	3	1000		1	5	1	40	90	130
Liberty Grove.	No Report.													
Meat Camp	R C Eggers	Zionville		L A Greene	Sands	3	750	12	1	1	1	88	98	186
Middle Fork	E C Hodges	Adams		L P Hodges	Blowing Rock	4	800	3	1	2	4	44	51	95
Mt. Calvary	F C Watts	N. Wilkesboro		J M Shoemaker	Balm	4	1000	1		1		45	77	122
Mt. Lebanon	E C Hodges	Adams		I A Bungarner	Vilas	3	800	18	2	5	1	53	66	119
Mt. Gilead	R L Palmer	Beech Creek		T M Younce	Beech Creek	4	1500	10	1	1	8	36	45	81
Oak Grove	E C Hodges	Adams		J C Hodges	Adams	3		3	15	3		21	32	53
Pleasant Grove	R C Eggers	Zionville		J H Mast	Zionville	4	1000	17	11	13	9	73	147	220
Rich Mountain	"	"		L E Beach	"	1	600		1	1	1	19	37	56

Shulls Mills.....	E C Hodges	Adams	J M Day	Shulls Mills	2	1200	11	2	1	1	28	37	65
South Fork.....	T F Roberts	Alvarado, Va.	W H McGuire	Brookside	4	1200	9	3	1	1	49	71	120
Stony Fork.....	F C Watts	N. Wilkesboro	Z V Greene	Stony Fork	2	1000	4	2	6	6	87	91	178
Samson.....	No Report.												
Three Forks.....	E M Gragg	Vilas	A J Edmisten	Boone	4	500		1	2	2	24	41	65
Timb'rd Ridge.....	A J Greene	Mabel	W L Greene	Sugar Grove	3	1000	21		3	3	40	50	90
Union.....	R C Eggers	Zionville	J M Burkett	Mabel	2	800	8	6	3	3	65	103	168
Willowdale.....	A J Greene	Ma'bel	J H Brinkley	Vilas	1	200	1	1			39	42	81
Zionville.....	L A Wilson	Zionville	J C Jones	Zionville	1	800	1		12	1	32	64	96
Zion Hill.....	Henry Glenn	Watauga Falls	Alvin Cannon	Beech Creek	2	800	14	1	1	3	42	82	124

TABLE IV.-- W. M. U.

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Church	Organization	President	P. O.	No. of Members	75-Million Undes.	Missions	Chris. Ed.	Orphan-age	Training School	Other Objects	TOTAL		
Bethel.....	W. M. S.	Mrs. W. W. Wilson	Sweet Water, N. C.	20	149.36	3.40	.....	.....	2.84	1.20	156.80		
Beaver Dam.....	"	Geo. Swift	Reese		No statistics given.								
Blowing Rock..	"	J D Brown	Blowing Rock	7	54.00	11.00	19.00	17.00		1.00	102.00		
"	Sunbeams	"	"			.60		1.00			1.60		
Boone.....	"	Esie Greer	Boone	50		4.66		3.25			7.91		
"	Y. W. A.	Annie Winkler	"	15	40.15						40.15		
"	W. M. S.	Mrs I G Greer	"	34	228.31			39.50	108.27		376.08		
Cove Creek.....	"	Annie V Sherwood	Sherwood	28	11.80	31.00	8.00	25.40		1.00	79.00		
Forest Grove..	"	Mrs R E Moody	Vilas	27		21.80	1.00		5.95	30.00	58.73		
Timb'rd Ridge	"	Miss Clara Greene	Leander			3.67			2.00		5.67		

the neglect of our old worn out preachers, who have given all their lives in traveling over these hills and mountains almost without money and without price, preaching the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to a lost world as best they can, doing all they can for our blessed master.

2. If we as a denomination would take care of our preachers in providing for them homes and substantial support, as other denominations do, we feel that more of our young men would be willing to enter the ministry. Therefore we urge our churches to wake up to a greater sense of their duty and do all they can for these old worn out heralds of the cross. We suggest that all of our churches take up a free will offering once a year for this worthy cause.

G. W. Robbins, J. M. Day, Com.

Discussed by G. W. Robbins, J. H. Farthing, and L. A. Wilson.
Report adopted.

Roy Dotson read the report on Sunday Schools. Report adopted after being discussed by Roy Dotson, Geo. R. Sherrill, W. S. Farthing

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday-school is no longer looked upon as a separate and distinct organization from the church, but is now generally considered as a part of the church. It is no longer looked upon as a nursery of the church suited only for women and children, but the best intellect of our association find the Sunday-school work challenging all their energies.

We now have Sunday-schools established in all our churches, most of them running throughout the year. The Sunday-school is generally recognized as being one of the best agencies of the church for evangelistic endeavor and the development of Christian character.

While these things are true and rather plausible, yet we feel that the Sunday-schools throughout this association are falling far short of their possibilities and of their duty as an agency of the church.

We believe that before we can ever reach the maximum of efficiency in the Sunday-school work, our first indispensable duty is to train our teachers. A corps of welltrained teachers means a progressive Sunday-school. A corps of inefficient teachers means an ineffective Sunday-schools.

Again, we need to enlist more church members in the Sunday-school. Considerably less than half of the church members in this association attend Sunday-school. The disinterested churchman is our greatest handicap in the Sunday-school work.

Your committee makes the following suggestions:

1.—To enlist indifferent pastors and try to secure their help and co-operation in the work.

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2—Immediately start a Teacher Training Class in every church, using the Normal Manual.

3—Make the Sunday-school truly the teaching service of the church.

4—Take a religious census, keep an accurate roll and follow up absentees.

S. C. Eggers, }
Roy Dotson, } Com

Mrs. I. G. Greer read the report on

WOMAN'S WORK

Realizing our dependence upon Divine help, we make this report with hearts full of thankfulness to God for what He has permitted us to do in His service. We feel that it has been largely due to the untiring zeal and consecration of our superintendent, Mrs. Horton that so much has been accomplished.

The annual meeting of the Union was held at Bethel Baptist church Sept. 18, 1920. A splendid delegation was present and every department of the work was fully discussed.

NUMBER OF SOCIETIES

W. M. S. 7

Y. W. A. 1

Sunbeams, 3

Total amount contributed to Campaign Pledges about

\$737.28

Local Expense 55.00

Relief in Near East 18.50

Charitable Objects 14.50

Total \$825.28

A marked increase in personal service is manifest. However, some of our societies seem slow to report such service. It is urged that through missionary channels we make the personal service department a great constructive force in our midst—that every society do some definite Christian work toward wiping out suffering, distress and poverty in our communities. This part of the work cannot be overemphasized.

We recommend that during the coming year Mission Study and Bible study be given a prominent place.

We urge that each church in the association send a delegate to Beaver Dam church on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in Sept. to attend the annual meeting of the W. M. S.

All pastors are cordially invited to attend this meeting also.

We give thanks unto the Lord for all His bountiful blessings during the year and pray that He may lead us out into still greater service for Him.

We also recommend that all churches that already have W. M. S. organizations provide some work along missionary lines for their young people in Sunbeam Bands or Y. W. A's.

Table 2. Financial.

CHURCH	Pastor's Salary	Building & Repairs	Incident- als	S. S. Expenses	Poor	Minute Fund	Other Objects	75-Million (Undes.)	State & As Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Christian Education	Ministers' Relief	Hospitals	TOTAL
Antioch	20.51	.....	8.30	8.41	.....	1.15	28.20	339.61	.....	.....	.....	37.60	2 84	.....	.....	38.37
Bethel	75.00	6.50	4.50	31.74	.....	2.50	20 30	53 78	15.44	6.55	122.90	28 77	14 40	17.70	23.90	528.49
Beaver Dam	105.64	.....	3.00	.....	.....	1.50	20 30	53 78	15.44	2.00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	442.38
Bethany	25.00	.....	6.00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	25.00	25 00	57 60	.....	.....	.....	38.00
Blowing Rock	325.00	.....	68.79	20.37	3.00	17.38	17.38	90.50	12.65	25.00	2 00	48 50	.....	.....	.....	645.39
Brushy Fork	129.33	.....	72.91	10 81	19.10	2.70	386.46	500 00	35 34	5.00	3 25	222 44	5 40	2 50	.....	319.29
Boone	640 00	300 00	289.78	123 18	62.73	5.00	103 54	139.25	4 70	15 47	25.	149 57	8.	.....	.....	2578.58
Cove Creek	350 00	.....	61.31	25.62	.....	5 00	16 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 60	.....	.....	.....	887 46
Cool Springs	131 00	.....	6 00	4.50	1 00	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 40	.....	.....	.....	187 35
Clarks Creek	45 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49 10
Elk Knob	33 48	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43 48
Fall Creek	39 00	.....	15.00	2 50	50 00	50	.....	10.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	117 50
Forest Grove	110 09	.....	1 00	22 00	1 25	39.40	143.01	9.15	9.15	6.25	6 40	104 06	31 95	.....	.....	474 66
Gap Creek	84.57	110 00	6.75	11 12	11 12	2 93	68 92	43 47	2 00	5 00	.....	18 00	.....	2 00	.....	354 76
Howards Creek	68 80	.....	16 00	8 90	1 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 20	.....	.....	.....	101.50
Laurel Springs	98 95	.....	1 75	4 85	18 80	2 27	.....	122.66	3 80	3 10	.....	4 10	.....	.....	.....	260.29
Liberty Grove.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Meat Camp	140 45	89.00	13 95	12 49	.....	2 64	23.79	.....	13 66	.....	.....	21 54	.....	.....	.....	317 47
Middle Fork	122 85	.....	8 75	.....	.....	1 35	41 00	10.00	.....	.....	9.55	15.58	.....	.....	.....	210.04
Mt. Calvary	200	30	.....	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	231 25
Mt. Lebanon	75 33	.....	9 30	24 00	1 00	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 60	.....	4.05	.....	157 78
Mt. Gilead	47 05	.....	26.15	10 00	.....	1 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	104 20
Oak Grove	40 14	.....	.....	.....	4 25	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47 64
Pleasant Grove	114 73	.....	62 61	26 00	9 57	2 20	7.55	36.42	9.57	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	315 48
Rich Mountain	53 16	.....	5 00	.....	.....	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43 23	.....	3 60	.....	69 36

Shulls Mills.....	156.66	6.00	47.59	1.00	35.80	71.13	6.50	35.40	25.05	272.10
South Fork.....	169.28	165.00	94.86	2.00	28.70				35.75	564.72
Stony Fork.....	60	12	23.85	50.00	2.33				4.00	194.08
Samson.....										
Three Forks.....		3.00	7.00	75			1.00	1.00	1.85	17.60
Timb'rd Ridge.....	57.25		10.50	5.61	2.00	85.15	92.36	2.61	1.15	277.95
Union.....	86.45		23.00	14.32	32.90	3.00			2.90	177.14
Willowdale.....	122.75		39.68	1.75			8	13.00	5.00	277.95
Zionville.....	135.83	65.00	10	15.00	1.60	21.75	5	60	3.20	342.73
Zion Hill.....	43.65		5.	70						49.05

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75-Million pledges.

Mrs. Greer spoke briefly to the report, followed by Mrs. D. F. Horton. Report adopted.

Roy Dotson read the report on

FINANCE

We your Committee on Finance make the following report:

Receipts:

Ministerial Relief,	\$ 4.05
Minute Fund,	58.57
Orphanage,	30.35
75 Million,	20.50
State Missions,	1.00
Home Missions,	1.00
Foreign Missions,	1.00
Missions, (undesigned,)	13.66
Total,	\$118.48
	11.65
	\$130.13

Respt. submitted.

W. R. Gragg, }
Roy Dotson. }

Report adopted.

Report on Nominations was read by E. B. Hardin and adopted.

NOMINATIONS

Your Committee on Nominations recommend the following:

Executive Committee: G. P. Hagaman, D. C. Mast, J. R. Isaacs,

I. G. Greer, W. N. Howell, with the Moderator and Clerk.

For member State Board of Missions: Rev. A. J. Greene.

For Associational Vice Pres. Foreign Mission Board: W. Y. Perry.

For Sunday School Secretary: Roy Dotson.

For Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: Rev. R. C. Eggers,
G. P. Hagaman, Geo. Sherrill, and W. S. Farthing.

For Delegates to Baptist State Convention: F. M. Huggins, A. J. Greene, and Ed C. Robbins.

For Correspondents to Ashe Association: L. A. Wilson, W. H. Michael, Will H. McGuire.

For Correspondents to Stony Fork Association: W. T. Vandyke, E. M. Gragg, and John Watson.

For Correspondents to Caldwell Association: J. D. Brown, J. M. Hodges, Wm. Elrod.

To Watauga Association: R. C. Eggers, R. L. Palmer, J. H. Farthing.

To Mitchell County Association: G. W. Robbins, J. M. Day, and I. G. Greer.

We recommend that any member in good standing at home be allowed to report himself a Corresponding Messenger to any association he may visit, with which we have correspondence.

Respectfully,

W. R. Gragg, }
E. B. Hardin, } Com.

E. B. Hagaman read the report on

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER 1922.

We your Committee beg to make the following report.

The next session of this association to convene at Timbered Ridge church on Tuesday [amended to, begin Wednesday] after the fourth Sunday in August 1922, and we recommend that Bro. A. J. Greene preach the introductory sermon; L. C. Wilson alternate.

Wm. Elrod, E. B. Hagaman, Com.

Report adopted.

A. J. Greene, the Colporteur, read his report, Report adopted.

REPORT OF COLPORTEUR

Books bought during the year.....\$156.99

Books sold during the year.....\$171.05

Books on hand.....\$ 61.33

Respectfully submitted.

A. J. Greene, Colporteur.

A motion prevailed that Ed Robbins be elected Colporteur.

The Treasurer made his report. Report adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received for Orphanage, \$ 12.27

“ State Board of Missions, 77.11

“ Minute Fund, 47.50

Total, 135.88

Disbursements:

To Orphanage, 12.25

To Walters Durham for:

State Missions, 3.00

Home “ 5.04

Foreign “ 3.30

Undesignated “ 47.28

Cristian Education, .50

Ministerial Relief, 3.51

Hospitals, 1.50

75-Million, 12.00

Clerk of Association, 7.50

Will H. McGuire, Printing and Postage, 40.00

Total, 135.88

The present Treasurer was reelected.

W. S. Farthing reported visiting Stony Fork association.

L. C. Wilson attended Southern Baptist Convention, also Avery County association.

W. R. Johnson read an obituary of Rev. J. F. Eller.

W. S. Farthing read an obituary of Rev. C. S. Farthing.

TABLE III.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	SUPT.	P. O.	SUG.	P. O.	SEC'Y.	P. O.	No. of Schools	Teachers and Pupils	Church Mem- bers in S. S.	Months Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Antioch	D. L. Greene	Sugar Grove	L. W. Ward	Watauga Falls	1	14	81	95	40	6						
Bethel	E J Farthing	Sweet Water	Cathie L Shull	Sweet Water	1	8	111	119	49	12	31.74				15.00	46.74
Beaver Dam	J R Wilson	Reese	Fay Wilson	Reese	1	9	60	69	12	12	12.00			30.00		42.00
Bethany	L M Farthing	Hackett	H M Watson	Hackett	1	5	40	45	25	12	1			.90		.90
Blowing Rock	J H Winkler	Blowing Rock	Mary Greene	Blowing Rock	1	11	60	71	30	12	4	68.79	16.17	37.61	20.37	142.94
Boone	W R Gragg	Boone	R M Greene	Boone	1	12	189	201	90	12	13	123.18	5.96	71.40	61.38	261.86
Brushy Fork	J L Hayes	Vilas	L M Trivett	Vilas	1	7	55	62	25	12	2	10.81		7.50		18.30
Cove Creek	J J Glenn	Vilas	W Y Perry	Vilas	1	9	91	100	50	12	2	25.62	109.15			134.77
Cool Springs	J W Pennell	Boone	Virgie Rogers	Blowing Rock	1	5	25	30		9		6.00		18.60		24.60
Clarks Creek	G W Byrd	Banner Elk	Nelia Taylor	Banner Elk	1	5	35	40	16	6						
Elk Knob	J S Thomas	Tamarack	Blanche Maine	Tamarack	1	4	45	49		12						
Fall Creek	T B Gryder	Heaton	Pearl Storie	Heaton	1	5	25	30	12	12	2.50					2.50
Forest Grove	R E Moody	Vilas	Ola Dotson	Vilas	1	10	102	112	60	12	1	22.00	104.06			126.06
Gap Creek	H E Greene	Hopkins	Eula Luther	Hopkins	1	6	77	83	34	6	11.12					11.12
Howards Creek	D W Cook	Sands	Ruth Brown	Sands	1	16	137	153	30	6	7.40					7.40
Laurel Springs	Arthur Greene	Brownwood	Teniv Hardin	Rutherford	1	7	90	97	28	9	2.35					2.35
Liberty Grove.	No report.															
Meat Camp	Clyde Greene	Sands	W M McGuire	Sands	2	13	156	169		12	23.79				5.95	29.74
Middle Fork	F Edmisten	Blowing Rock	Mary Greer	Blowing Rock	1	4	29	33	12	12	8.75	10.00				18.75
Mt. Calvary	T L Shoemaker	Balm	Clyde Greene	Balm	1	6	55	61	27	12	9.47					9.47
Mt. Lebanon	S B Hayes	Vilas	M A Bumgarner	Vilas	1	6	50	56	36	12	6	9.30				
Mt. Gillead	G M Laurance	Beech Creek	Ethel Warren	Beech Creek	1	7	75	82	40	12	10	10.00				
Oak Grove	J W Greene	Adams	Hetty Gross	Adams	1	8	24	32		9	5.00					
Pleasant Grove	N T Byers	Zionville	Lillie Lawrence	Zionville	1	10	45	55		12	15	26.00				26.00
Rich Mountain	A B Greene	Zionville	Martha Castle	Zionville	1	5	35	40	15	12	5.00					14.00

Shulls Mills	G W Robbins	Shulls Mills	J M Day	Shulls Mills	1	9	131	140	30	12	47.59	5.80	53.39
South Fork	I E Duncan	Todd	E R Mikeal	Todd	1	5	Report for 6 mos.	12	12	22.09	9.27	28.70	60.06
Stony Fork	A J Wellborn	Stony Fork	Annie Wellborn	Stony Fork	1	9	114	123	45	6	9.38	4.00	10.47
Samson	No report.												23.85
Three Forks	A J Edmisten	Boone	Lottie Edmisten	Boone	1	7	45	52		6	7.00	5.70	12.70
Timb'rd Ridge	H H Greene	Peoria	Lucy Greene	Sugar Grove	1	8	48	56		12	10.53	.50	12.09
Union	J F Oliver	Mabel	Sallie Warren	Mabel	1	10	117	127	53	12	8	1.51	14.52
Willowdale	D L Glenn	Vilas	E Brinkley	Vilas	1	10	58	68	30	12	1	10.73	6.65
Zionville	Geo Roten	Zionville	Pearl Grogan	Trade, Tenn	1	7	50	57		12	10.00		39.68
Zion Hill	W J Palmer	Beech Creek	Ina Ward	Beech Creek	1	7	35	42	25	6			10.00

The committee on obituary of Rev. Asa Brown not having sufficient data, were allowed to furnish to the Clerk a copy of the one adopted by South Fork church for insertion in these minutes

W. S. Farthing and Wm. Elrod spoke of the life work of C. S. Farthing. L. C. Wilson spoke of the work of all three of the departed brethren.

E. J. Farthing spoke of the influence of his father on his life.

G. W. Robbins spoke of the pastoral activities of C. S. Farthing. Report on obituaries adopted.

The Moderator read his appointment of Standing Committees.

Committees for 1922.

Foreign Missions—F. M. Huggins, W. F. Sherwood.

Home Missions—Roy Dotson, Raleigh Johnson.

State Missions—W. S. Farthing E. J. Farthing.

Education—D D Dougherty, G P Hagaman.

Pastoral Suport—J R Isaacs, A L Wilson.

Sunday Schools—D C Mast, E F Sherwood.

Prphanage—Roy Gragg, Mrs. I G Greer.

Books and Periodicals—R C Eggers, Alex Wilson.

Resolutions—G W Robbins, John Norris.

Order of Business—W Y Perry, J L Hayes.

State of Churches—Wm. Elrod, Thomas Vandyke.

Duties of Pastors to Churches—J H Farthing, Carrol Greene.

Temperance—G P Sherrill, W J Hagaman.

Woman's Work—Mrs. D F Horton, Mrs. Roy Wilson.

Old Minister's Relief—A J Greene, Mrs. F. M. Huggins.

Nominations—W S Farthing, J K Perry

A motion prevailed that the association reconsider the report on Time Place and preacher.

The report was amended by striking out Tuesday and inserting Wednesday for the beginning of the association and continue through Thursday.

A motion prevailed that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of minutes, and that they be distributed to the churches in proportion to the amount of money each church has contributed for minute fund. The association also recommended that the printing be done by Will H. McGuire.

On motion the Clerk was allowed \$7.50 for his services.

A motion prevailed that the messengers or this association be requested to ask their churches to contribute to the erection of a house of worship for Three Forks church.

A motion prevailed that the Moderator appoint a committee to confer with a like committee from Stony Fork association as to the

advisability of a consolidation between the two bodies.

W. S. Farthing, L. A. Wilson, R. C. Eggers, Wm. Elrod, and G. W. Robbins, Committee.

A Resolution was passed recommending that the association have no preaching during the business session of the association.

On motion of F. M. Huggins the Moderator appointed J. T. C. Wright and Roy Dotson a Com. on B. Y. P. U. work next session.

RESOLUTIONS

Notwithstanding the wonderful achievement in the cause of intemperance, never possibly in the History of the world has intemperance so asserted her powers and multiplied her forces as now

Therefore Resolved, That the Three Forks Association now in session call upon every church and every member, and we plead with every liberty loving citizen to rise up and stand for the enforcement of the law, that every violator shall be brought to justice.

And that we pledge our loyal support of the officers in the discharge of their solemn and sworn duties in the execution of the law to the end that peace and safety may be restored to our homes and our country.

Resolved second. That this association deeply feel and realize the necessity of more earnest preaching of the distinctive and fundamental doctrines of our faith.

And that no pains be spared to teach our people what Baptists believe.

And may we hear the Apostle Paul to Titus in these words:

“Who gave himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself a peculiar people zealous of good work.”

Resolved third, That this association express our thanks to this church and community for the noble way in which this association has been entertained. Respectfully,

D. D. Dougherty, }
W. W. Wilson, } Com.

J. H. Farthing conducted the closing exercises by reading to Ch. Acts from 17 verse and leading in prayer.

The messengers then sung “How Firm a Foundation,” giving each other the parting hand.

On motion adjourned. Benediction by L. A. Wilson

SMITH HAGAMAN, Moderator.

W. Y. PERRY, Clerk.

Roll of Messengers

Antioch—E. M. Greer, L. D. Harman, R. L. Greer.
 Bethel—W S Farthing, E J Farthing, Thomas Farthing.
 Beaver Dam—J R Wilson, Raleigh Wilson, W J Hagaman.
 Bethany—H M Watson, A T Watson, L M Farthing.
 Brushy Fork—T L Mast, A J Greer, J L Hayes.
 Blowing Rock—J D Brown, M C Johnson.
 Boone—C J Cotrell, W R Gragg, Mrs F M Huggins.
 Cove Creek—D F Horton, E F Sherwood, W Y Perry.
 Cool Springs—H H Day, Robert Penley, A P Bolick.
 Clarks Creek—Joel Eggers, Cordell Taylor.
 Elk Knob—Letter, no messengers.
 Fall Creek—M W Storie, W B Norris, Pearl Storie.
 Forest Grove—Smith Hagaman, R E Moody, W R Johnson.
 Gap Creek—John Watson, Otto Miller.
 Howards Creek—Manley McBride, W L Brown.
 Laurel Springs—E B Hardin, Arthur Greene, Geo Greer.
 Meat Camp—B B Greene, Clyde Brown.
 Middle Fork—Wm Elrod, W T Vandyke, Frank Edmisten.
 Mt. Calvary—F P Chapell, Clyde Greene.
 Mt. Lebanon—I A Bumgarner, D S Love, Ronda Earp.
 Mt. Gilead—T M Warren.
 Oak Grove—Jas T Gross, Will Hagaman, W M Hodges.
 Pleasant Grove—J H Mast, N T Byers, L S Pennell.
 Rich Mountain—J A Penley, S E Beach.
 Shulls Mills—J R Reed, T E Day, J M Day, G W Robbins.
 Stony Fork—J S Welborn, D L Welborn.
 South Fork—T M Jones, V C Howell.
 Three Forks—J C Brookshire, G L Vandyke.
 Timbered Ridge—A C Greene, E B Hagaman.
 Union—G C Norris, J R Isaacs, J E Berkett.
 Willowdale—Mrs B S Dugger, Mrs W L Henson, J H Brinkley.
 Zionville—Milton Brown, Ira Reece, Robert Reece.
 Zion Hill—Letter, no messengers.

Officers of Association

SMITH HAGAMAN, Moderator and Historian,	Vilas, N. C.
W. Y. PERRY, Clerk and Treasurer,	Vilas, N. C.
ED ROBBINS, Colporteur,	Blowing Rock, N. C.

Ordained Ministers

Eraswell, W.A.	Montezuma, N.C.	Micheal, W. H.	Trade, Tenn.
Eggers, R C	Zionville, "	Norris, John	Sands, N.C.
Farthing, J H	Sweet Water, "	Pennell, W A	Zionville, "
Glenn, W H	Watauga Falls, "	Robbins, Edd	Blowing Rock, "
Gragg, E M	Vilas, "	Swift, W	Reese, "
Greene, A J	Boone, "	Shore, R H	Blowing Rock, "
Greene, Levi	Hopkins, "	Smith, H H	Stony Fork, "
Huggins, F M	Boone, "	Wilson, L C	Newland, "
Hodges, E C	Adams, "	Wilson, L A	Zionville, "
Keller, John	Welborn, Ky.	Trivett, G W	Sugar Grove, "

OBITUARY OF BRO. CALVIN S. FARTHING

The members of this Association and its territory, were shocked by the sudden decease of Bro. Calvin S. Farthing which occurred on the 9th of last Jan., while he was away from home. He preached on Saturday at Clark's Creek church and died on Sunday morning following, while the family, where he was lodging were eating breakfast.

Bro. Calvin was a son of Thomas Farthing, deceased, and a grandson of Rev. William Farthing. He was born Nov. 22, 1849, and was 71 yrs., 1 month and 18 days old at his death.

His opportunities for obtaining an education were seriously interfered with by the Civil war, and the untimely death of his father while he was quite young.

On Sept. 28, 1869, he was married to Kisiak E., daughter of Rev. A. C. Farthing, and by that union were born unto him 13 children, 9 sons and 4 daughters, 10 of whom were left to mourn their loss. His wife and 3 children preceeded him to the spirit world—his wife by about ten years. Bro. Calvin professed religion when young, and united with Bethel church Oct. 24, 1866, a few months over 54 yrs. ago and his membership in that body was unbroken until his death.

He was ordained as a deacon Aug. 22, 1886 and served as such till July 23, 1892, when he was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry, Revs. J. J. L. Sherwood, A. C. Farthing, J. H. Farthing and John Norris acting as Presbytery.

He was elected pastor of one church, at least, before his ordination. He served quite a number of churches as pastor in this and adjoining associations, and was pastor of three churches at the time of his death, but he did a good deal of pastoral work in a private way. He never forgot to visit the sick and afflicted, and offer them words of consolation and encouragement.

He was for several years in succession President of the Watauga County Baptist Sunday School Convention.

Our deceased brother had a natural talent for vocal music, and in

his younger years, always joined in that part of Public Worship—an example well worthy of the emulation of our young people of today.

Bro. Calvin was a firm believer in the distinctive principles of the Baptist Denomination, and advocated them publicly and privately.

The passing of our brother reminds us of our own approaching dissolution, and should quicken us in to renewed activity in the Lord's Service, "For the night cometh when no man can work."

"Then what my thoughts design to do,
My hands with all your might pursue;
Since no device nor work is found,
Nor faith nor hope beneath the ground."

Again his passing reminds us of the depletion in the ranks of our clergy. A few years ago there were at least, 5 ministers belonging at Bethel church, now, there is but one in close touch with the church. This should prompt us to heed the Savior's admonition: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest. W. S. Farthing, E. J. Farthing, Thos. Farthing.

OBITUARY OF REV. J. F. ELLER.

Rev. J. F. Eller was born in Ashe county Nov. 17, 1857.

He professed faith in Christ and joined the Mount Zion church in the same county in 1877. Soon after, he moved to Watauga county and helped to constitute the Union Baptist church, he going into it as one of its charter members.

He was ordained to the full work of the ministry by the above named church in 1886. Some years later he moved his membership to Forest Grove Baptist church where he remained a member till his death.

Bro. Eller's services as pastor was in great demand, he being pastor at some time, of almost every church in the Three Forks association and also in adjoining counties.

In Jan. 1920, he was stricken with a severe case of pneumonia, from which he never fully recovered, and on Nov. 20, 1920, the earthly tabernacle fell and Bro. Eller passed on to that of the heavenly.

Bro. Eller was a close student of the Old Book and was considered a good and safe interpreter of the same.

He was a man and preacher of strong conviction. He stood against the wrong and for the right.

His activities covered a wide field, and eternity alone can disclose to us the vast amount of good wrought by this man of God.

Ellis Moody, }
W. R. Johnson, } Com

OBITUARY OF REV. ASA BROWN.

On Jan. 29, 1921, our brother, Eld. Asa Brown, was called from the walks of men to enter upon his reward, at the age of 83 years, 3 months.

Bro. Brown professed religion in early life, and had been a minister of the gospel for more than 50 years, serving as pastor of many churches, earnestly promulgating the teaching of Christ, till death.

In 1912 he united with South Fork church by letter from Laurel Springs church and continued a member the remainder of his life.

Resolved 1, That in the death of Bro. Brown the church has lost a devoted member, the pulpit an earnest advocate of pure and undefiled religion, his family a wise shepherd and counselor, and the community a staunch citizen.

Resolved 2. That we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, and that we tender our sympathies to his bereft companion and relatives.

Resolved 3. That a copy of this obituary and resolutions be spread upon the records of South Fork church.

Minutes of the Three Forks Annual Meeting
of the W. M. U.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Association met in its 8th annual session with Beaver Dam church Sept. 10, 1921 "All hail the Power of Jesus' Name" was sung, after which devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Enoch Swift.

Prayer by Mrs. W. W. Wilson.

The address of welcome was made by Miss Tilda Wilson.

Response by Mrs. F. M. Huggins.

Representatives were called for from the different churches, six churches being represented,—Beaver Dam 9, Boone 3, Bethel 4, Cove Creek 5, Forest Grove 9, Timbered Ridge 2.

Visitors recognized—Mrs. W. H. Reddish, Raleigh, N. C.

Reports of Missionary Societies were read.

The annual report of the Supt. was then presented.

A very impressive memorial service was held for sisters Blanche Hagaman and Jane Swift, after which the congregation joined in singing, "Abide With Me."

A beautiful address was delivered by Cor. Sec. Mrs. W. H. Reddish, giving an outline of the great work accomplished by the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Appointment of committees:

Nominating Committee—Mrs. Lee Swift, Mrs. W. W. Wilson, Mrs. Hill Hagaman, Mrs. Nan Johnson, Mrs. A. L. Cook, and Miss Clara Green.

Com. on Resolutions—Mrs. F. M. Huggins.

Com. on Time and Place—Miss Nancy Hagaman, Mrs. Julia Lewis
Rev. J. H. Farthing preached the annual sermon, taking as his
subject: "Calvary." Matt. 27: 38 and Psalms 85: 10.

Announcements by Superintendent.

Closing prayer by J. H. Farthing.

Afternoon Session

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. F. M. Huggins who
took as her subject, "Subjection to Higher Powers." Rom. 13 ch.

Song, "Come Women Wide Proclaim."

Memory verses of Scripture were recited on prayer.

An interesting paper was then read by Mrs. Ruth McConnel on
Foreign Missions—Our old Fields and our new Territory.

Recitations, by some Sunbeams from Cove Creek.

Report of Y. W. A. Supt. Mrs. F. M. Huggins.

North Carolina's part in our Baptist W. M. U. Training School:

Mrs. Clyde Perry.

Mrs. Reddish then talked interestingly on the Training School and
Margaret Fund.

"Records of Baptist History:" Mrs. G. P. Hagaman.

Report of Nom. Com. was presented: For Supt. Mrs. W. W. Wil-
son, Sect., Mrs. I. G. Greer, Asst. Supt., Mrs. D. F. Horton, Per-
sonal service chairman: Mrs. Ellis Moody, Y. W. A. Supt., Mrs. F.
M. Huggins, Junior Supt., Mrs. E. H. Moore, Mission Study Supt.,
Miss Crete Hagaman. Report adopted.

Recommendations prepared by the Executive Committee and
presented were unanimously adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

With a deep sense of the blessings brought by faithful service to our
Heavenly Father, and belief in the ever increasing strength that will
come to us, through going forward in His name to help carry out His
commands, we adopt the following as our working plans for the
year 1921 - 1922:

1st. Believing that prayer is the most powerful influence that we
can use in bringing the world to Christ, we would urge the impor-
tance of giving it first place in our individual lives, and that we pray
definitely for the coming of His kingdom and for Divine guidance and
blessings on our work, each morning at nine o'clock or near that hour.

2nd. That we continue to emphasize the teachings and principles
of our master in systematic Bible and Mission study, and Proportion-
ate giving.

3rd That in the perfecting and extention of the Union we endeavor
to have each organized society on our list report once a quarter.

4th. That we continue our loyal support and cooperation in the 75 Million Campaign, and adopt the slogan of the Southern Baptist Convention in the "Every One Win One Campaign."

Report on Time and Place presented.

The committee recommended Boone as the place of meeting, but leave the time to be fixed by the Executive Committee.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by Mrs. F. M. Huggins of Boone.

RESOLUTIONS

In behalf of the W. M. U. of Three Forks Association we present the following resolutions:

Resolved 1st. That we extend to the woman's missionary society of Beaver Dam church our sincerest gratitude for their unstinted hospitality to us.

2nd. We extend to our efficient Supt., Mrs. D. F. Horton, our sincerest gratitude for her labors of love, she has so willingly given us in the past, may her life be a bright and shining light to us.

3rd. That we extend to the Beaver Dam and Forest Grove W. M. S. our sympathy in the loss of their beloved co-workers, Mrs. Jane Swift and Mrs. Blanche Hagaman. Our God never makes a mistake, He doeth all things well.

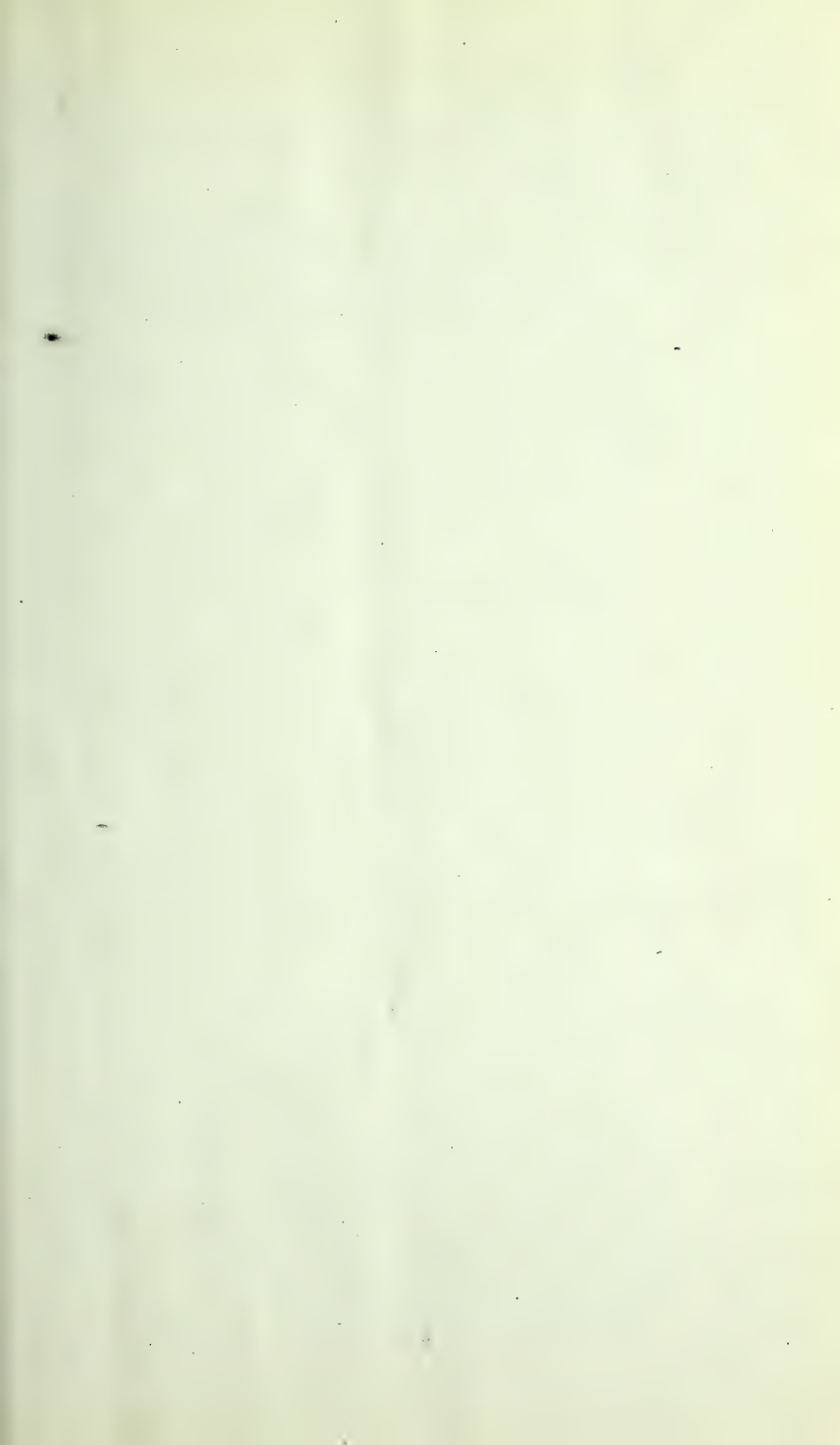
Sermon by Rev. F. M. Huggins of Boone. Subject, Foreign Missions. Text, Matt. 28:19.

Song "God will take care of you.

Benediction by Supt.

W. M. U. SOCIETIES

Society	President	Post Office	No. Mem.
Bethel W. M. S.	Mrs. Lora Wilson	Sugar Grove	29
Blowing Rock	Mrs. J. D. Brown	Blowing Rock	
Timbered Ridge	Miss Clara Green	Leander	7
Cove Creek	Miss Annie Sherwood	Sherwood	25
Forest Grove	Mrs. Alice Moody	Vilas	27
Boone	Mrs. I. G. Greer	Boone	28
Beaver Dam	.....	Reece	12
B. Rock Sunbeams	Mrs. J. D. Brown	Blowing Rock	.....
Boone Sunbeams	Mrs. E. H. Moore	Boone	50
Cove C. Sunbeams	Miss Annie Sherwood	Sherwood	
Boone Y. W. A.	Mrs. F. M. Huggins	Boone	28



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MINUTES
OF THE
82^d ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Three Forks
Baptist Association

HELD WITH
Timbered Ridge Baptist Church
WATAUGA COUNTY, N. C.,
AUGUST 30 & 31, 1922.

The next session of this Association to be held at Laurel Spring Church, Watauga Co., beginning Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August, 1923.

Eld. R. C. Eggers to preach the introductory sermon;
Eld. J. H. Farthing alternate.

Will H. McGuire, Printer, Brookside, N. C.

MINUTES

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Three Forks Baptist Association

ANNUAL SESSION LXXXII.

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Peoria, N. C., Wednesday Morning, Aug. 30, 1922.

THREE Forks Baptist Association met in its eighty-second annual session in the house of worship of Timbered Ridge Baptist Church.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name was sung. E. J. Norris then led in prayer, after which "Amazing Grace" was sung. Prayer was then offered, G. P. Sherrill leading. The congregation then engaged in singing "Jesus lover of my soul."

The annual sermon was preached by L. C. Wilson from Philippians 2 Chapt. 12 verse, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." After the sermon Geo. Roten led in prayer.

The letters from churches were left in the custody of clerk, on motion of W. S. Farthing.

On motion of L. C. Wilson the present officers were elected by acclamation, Smith Hagaman Moderator, W. Y. Perry, Clerk.

The Order of Business was read by the clerk, amended and adopted.

The following visiting brethren were recognized and welcomed:

C. M. Critcher, from Stony Fork Asso., P. P. Hayes from Holston Asso. Tenn., R. M. Farthing, from Canada.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Religious Exercise—Pastor and messengers of Timbered Ridge Ch. Time, Place and Preacher—L. A. Wilson, Wm. Elrod.

Obituaries—D. D. Dougherty, Geo. Roten, W. S. Farthing.

An invitation was given, to newly constituted, and churches holding letters of dismission from sister Asso., who desire membership in this body. Proffit's Grove, a newly constituted church, presented a letter requesting membership in this body. Their request was granted and their messengers seated and welcomed by the Moderator on behalf of the association.

A letter of dismission was granted to Liberty Grove church to unite with the Ashe Association.

A motion prevailed that the report on Periodicals be made a special order first in the afternoon session.

Adjourned for one hour. Benediction by J. H. Farthing.

WEDNESDAY,—AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened with prayer by R. M. Farthing.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS

"A man is known by the company he keeps, whether it be of books or of men."

Never possibly, has there been such a pressing need among our people for information on the doctrines of the Bible, and the needs of the world, as now, and no Baptist can be indifferent to this subject.

Ignorance of a law will not justify its violation. Let there be a revival study of the Bible in every church and in every home.

Know the Book as far as is possible. "Be able to give a reason for the hope that is within you."

Such papers as Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children will give inspiration as well as information in reference to the work mainly in North Carolina. Home and Foreign Field will give enlightenment in reference to home and foreign lands.

Every family should have these periodicals. That family and that individual, who live in the thoughts of great men by reading, have embarked on a voyage to higher things.

Let every Baptist feel the importance of information on the needs of the world. And let every family see to it that no unsound literature enters that home. Mark the zeal of others for their faith. May the day soon come when the Baptists shall be noted for their holy zeal as well as for their holy faith.

Remember the language of Paul to Titus when he said: Who gave himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself a peculiar people zealous of good works."

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. Wilson, L. C. Wilson.

Discussed by L. A. Wilson, L. C. Wilson, John Norris, R. M. Farthing, D. D. Dougherty, and adopted.

A. M. Dougherty was recognized and welcomed as correspondent from Watauga association.

G. P. Sherrill read the report on

TEMPERANCE

Looking around on our present condition it seems as though there is not being much progress made on twmperance. But looking back over the past, we are bound to acknowledge that there has been great progress made along the line of temperance. But as we now view the situation, the liquor traffic has been driven from our towns and cities into the mountain sections, and we as citizens and churches are to blame for the present condition as it now exists, for we have the law on our side and we ought to call on our officers to enforce the liquor law, and then each and every citizen stand by them.

W. J. Hagaman, G. P. Sherrill.

Report discussed by G. P. Sherrill, L. A. Wilson, L. C. Wilson, E. J. Norris, E. J. Farthing, G. W. Robbins, W. Y. Perry, E. M. Greer. Report adopted.

The Com. on Religious Exercises reported L. A. Wilson to preach at the stand at 1:45 p. m.

Orphanage report was read by the clerk. Discussed by F. M. Huggins and C. J. Cottrell and adopted.

ORPHANAGE

The Baptists have nearly 600 children under their care at Thom-
asville. All these children receive in any way must come from the
Baptists of the State. Every member of every church in our asso-
ciation should not only feel it a duty, but a blessed privilege as well,
to contribute liberally and regularly to their support. If we fail in
these duties, we fail to carry out one of the fundamental teachings
of our Saviour. Let us help them and those in charge with our
means and prayers, and the blessings will be ours as well as theirs.

We recommend that each member of every church in our associa-
tion give the equivalent of a day's income, on or about Thanksgiv-
ing Day, as a special offering to these children, and that each Sunday
School take a regular monthly offering for the same cause.

Finally, brethren, under no circumstances, let us forget our duty
to these dear children.

Mrs. I. G. Greer, {
W. R. Gragg, } Committee

Report on State of Churches was read by Wm. Elrod, who led in
the discussion. Report adopted.

STATE of CHURCHES

We think there has been an increase in membership of the differ-
ent churches of this association. There has also been a general
increase in support of pastors and to the Baptist Orphanage.

As to missions, so far as we know, there has been but little gain
in contributions. The churches have not responded to the calls of
the several objects fostered by the Baptists. But little more, if any,
has been given to Home, State and Foreign Missions than usual

We believe it is the duty of the pastors to acquaint themselves
with the needs of the various objects and lead their churches in the
work. Another problem is before us as to how we are to enlist all
the members in church work and cause each member to feel their
responsibility in church work. We do not believe that one-half the
members attend their church meetings, and a smaller number attend
Sunday school.

Again, we believe that a large percent. of our churches are too
slack in church discipline.

We further believe that a large amount of these obstructions may
be removed if every live member, pastor, S. school superintendent
and teacher would impress the importance of their duty they owe.

Wm. Elrod, Com.

W. S. Farthing read the report of Com. appointed to confer with
Sto:ly Fork Association about consolidation of the two bodies. Re-

port discussed by W. S. Farthing, Wm. Elrod, L. C. Wilson, G. W. Robbins, F. M. Huggins. Report adopted.

REPORT of CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Aug. 30, 1922.

To the Three Forks Association:

We your Committee appointed to confer with a like committee of the Stony Fork Association in regard to consolidating the two associations, beg leave to submit the following:

We failed to agree with the other committee on terms of union.

Respectfully,

W. S. Farthing, Wm. Elrod, G. W. Robbins, Com.

On motion adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'clock and spend 20 minutes in devotional exercises to be conducted by Roy Dotson. Benediction by John Norris

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotional exercises were conducted by Roy Dotson. Prayer by the clerk. Songs: "I Need Thee Every Hour, More About Jesus."

The moderator called the association to order and announced it ready for business.

The Clerk called the roll of messengers and erased absentees.

D. D. Dougherty made the report on

EDUCATION

Southern Baptists have for the training of leaders, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Training School at Louisville Ky. and the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Waco, Texas. These schools are managed by a board of trustees who work under the Southern Baptist Convention. For higher education, they have in North Carolina Wake Forest College at Wake Forest, and Meredith College at Raleigh. These colleges have boards of trustees who work under the Baptist State Convention. The Home Mission Board is aiding about thirty schools in the Southern Appalachians. A number of these schools are in North Carolina. An effort is being made to raise these schools to Junior Colleges. Mars Hill College has been made a Junior College this year.

A very few members of the Three Forks Association can ever hope to have much to do with these schools. Our interest in them must be for the most part that they guard their influence so as to make it thoroughly Christian.

The public schools touch every family where there are children. The state takes our children to train them. Let us demand of the state efficient teachers and let us as citizens pledge our hearty co-operation.

D. D. Dougherty.

Discussed by E. J. Farthing. Adopted.

REPORTS ON MISSIONS

Report on Foreign Missions was read by F. M. Huggins.

Report on Home Missions was read by Roy Dotson.

Report on State Missions was read by W. S. Farthing.

The discussion of Missions was led by F. M. Huggins, followed by Roy Dotson, W. S. Farthing and others. Reports adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Foreign Mission enterprise of Southern Baptists is based on the command of Christ to preach the gospel to all peoples. This work has been extended into sixteen countries of the world. In These sixteen countries the population is twenty-five times as large as that which resides in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. In these whitened harvest fields we find twenty-five persons to every one in our Southern states.

Let us notice briefly a few facts concerning these fields where Southern Baptists are carrying on Foreign Mission work.

Our Foreign Mission Board has occupied vast territory in China. Our great missions are laid out in that land in what are known as the North, Interior, Pokhoi, Central, and South China Missions. We have 253 missionaries in China. More than half of our Foreign Missionaries are in China, and yet how few are they compared with China's millions, which is about four times the population of the U. S.

Japan has a population almost twice as large as the Southern States. The Board has twenty-eight missionaries in Japan. Our work has prospered in Japan. The new spirit of friendliness makes it possible for us to do a great work in Japan, if we would at once double our missionary force.

Our closest Foreign Mission field is Mexico. In spite of the unsettled conditions and our reduced Foreign Mission force, we had 465 baptisms in Mexico last year.

We have Foreign Mission work in four of the countries of South America—Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, and Chile. With the exception of Uruguay these are vast lands. The work in all of these countries is very encouraging. Our Brazil Mission stands out next to China. The Argentine Baptists gave more percapita last year than Southern Baptists gave. Southern Baptists gave \$10.52 per member for all objects last year, while Argentina Baptists gave \$23.80.

On the west coast of Africa we are doing mission work in the British Protectorate of Nigeria. Native Christian traders have gone far into the interior and their testimony has brought many to Christ and called numerous churches into existence. The need in Nigeria is more missionaries, not to do advanced work, but to follow up what is being done.

Interest deepens in our European work. The work in Italy has prospered the past year. Good property has been bought for a church in Rome, while missionaries' and Publication headquarters has greatly increased the efficiency of the work in that city. Property has also been bought on the out-skirts of the city for an Orphanage.

During the past year much has been done toward evangelizing the the new fields of Europe. Dr. Everett Gill, the Superintendent

of our new work in Europe, appointed in June 1921, has been able to do much in Spain, Jugo-Slavia, Roumania and Hungary. He has found many Baptists and helped them to organize. Rev. H. E. Porter, our Missionary to Russia, in connection with the American Relief Administration, has been able to go to Moscow where he has done valient service in relief work, and has been able to do some evangelizing. Southern Baptists have had a part in extending relief to the starving multitudes. Later they will have a better opportunity to minister to the souls of the people.

The work in Syria an Palestine has passed through a good year. We have two native missionaries there, and the Board at its meeting in May 1922 appointed two young men, who with their wives will go to Palestine for the purpose of laying the foundation for a wide work in the Holy Land.

Such is a very brief review of the work of Southern Baptists in Foreign fields. A glance at some statistics may help. We have 622 churches in foreign mission fields with a membership of 64,251. Of these, one third, or 206 are self-supporting, and 375 or more than half own thir houses of worship. They gave an average of \$7.24 per member last year.

We have a total of 694 schools with an enrollment of 26,507 students. About 50% of the converts in China are made in these schools.

We had last year 971 Sunday-schools, 53,691 scholars. There were 7891 baptisms last year. This is almost a thousand more baptisms than we have ever recorded in any year of our Foreign Mission history. Southern Baptists gave last year to Foreign Missions \$1,755,678 as against \$2,498,381 year before last. This drop in the collections for Foreign Missions is a most serious matter. Our work will be greatly embarrassed unless the churches come to the help of our Foreign Mission work.

We would urge the following:

1. That the pastors preach at least one sermon during the year on Foreign Missions, setting forth the duties of the members to support our Foreign Mission work.
2. That the pledges made to the 75 Million Campaign be paid.
3. And that special collections be taken at least once during the year for Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. Huggins, W. F. Sherwood.

HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board is the organization thru which most of the work among Southern Baptists is done. Its work extends to Panama and Cuba, but the principal part is in the 13 southern states which compose the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Home Board co-operates with the different State Boards in meeting their various needs, and has been by far the most potent agency of southern Baptists in enlisting, combining and directing the energies of the denomination for the propagation of the gospel.

The work of the organization at its beginning in 1845 was simple,

but as it grew, the work became more complex. Its work now extends to the foreigners who are living in our country, to the Indian, the Negroes, the Army and Navy, among the Mountain Schools; hospitals, city and country churches; in fact every needy enterprise to further on the work of the Kingdom.

Notwithstanding the unsettled condition in the business world which affected seriously the ability of the people to pay their pledges, the work for the past year has been very gratifying.

During the last year the Board had 1188 workers.

There were 56,164 baptisms. Total additions, 83,994.

Churches constituted, 305. Church houses built or improved 456.

Sunday schools organized, 786. Copies of Scripture given, 6305.

The Home Mission Board deserves our support.

Roy Dotson, Com.

STATE MISSIONS

No department of Southern Baptist work has yielded greater returns to the denomination and to the world, for the labor done and the means expended than State Missions.

Our home territory constitutes our base of supplies for all departments of our activities. As the people at home we are evangelized enlisted and developed, so will all departments of our work flourish.

If State Missions prosper, every phase of the work is likely to prosper; if State Missions languish, the whole work will probably languish.

When the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845, there were only about 350,000 Baptists in the Southern States, including white and colored, but now, there are many thousands more than that in the state of North Carolina alone, and State Missions has been a great factor in producing this result.

Many of our greatest contributing churches to the objects of the Baptist State convention, were fostered by State Missions. In fact the greatest contributing church in the last conventional year, was constituted and built up since the civil war through the aid of State Missions.

Not only have our finances been increased through the instrumentality of State Missions but the number of our workers have been multiplied by the same factor. Many of our workers at home and abroad have come from mission territory or that was at one time mission territory.

We are thankful for what has been accomplished by our Baptist hosts in the past

We are thankful for the encouraging report of State Board of Missions, made at the last Baptist State Convention, which shows an increase in the results of missionary endeavor. But we should not be satisfied with past accomplishments. There is still destitution in our state and we should prosecute State Missions until a Baptist church is within easy reach of every community in our state and until our latent churches and the latent members of all our churches are informed, inspired and enlisted in Kingdom work.

Thus may we strengthen and enlarge our base of supplies and be enabled to do worthy tasks on the battle front, at home and abroad.

To accomplish the above objects, let all our churches take regular collections for State Missions and let our people if possible redeem all pledges. Respectfully,

W. S. Farthing, E. J. Farthing, Com.

It was announced that L. C. Wilson preached at this hour at the pulpit near by.

F. M. Huggins read and discussed the report on

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Ministerial Relief is perhaps the most neglected object fostered by the Southern Baptist Convention. The Relief and Annuity Board with Dr. Wm. Lunsford as secretary, is the youngest Board of the Convention with the exception of the Education Board. During the four years of its existence it has made marvelous progress.

The Board has a relief fund that gives aid to the old and disabled minister, or to his family. It also has an annuity by which a minister may pay an annual premium, and at the age of 65 receive an annual sum of \$500 00, or in case of his death his widow or children may receive three fifths of the \$500 00.

At present this Board is relieving 511 ministers and 293 widows. \$130,000.00 was paid out to beneficiaries last year as relief. There are 950 enrolled as members of the annuity. The annuity has now reached \$400.00

The interest of our people generally are becoming more aroused in behalf of this work of our Board. Southern Baptists have neglected this duty for a long while, but now they are becoming aroused about it, and are now determined to provide not only for the aged preacher but also for the young preacher.

It would no doubt be a great blessing to the cause if every church in this association would take a special free-will offering at Christmas as a Christmas-gift for these ministers. This is a custom in many of the churches of our Southland and we could not do better than adopt this policy. Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. F. M. Huggins, A. J. Greene.

Report adopted.

On motion the Clerk was empowered to procure a copy of the minute of the session of 1879 and insert it in these records

The report on Sunday Schools was read by the clerk and discussed by W. S. Farthing, R. M. Farthing, Geo. R. Sherrill, G. W. Robbins, Geo. Roten, Henry Glenn and F. M. Huggins. Adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday-school is not a new institution. The first Sunday school was established by Robert Raikes in Gloucester, England, in 1781. From this beginning it has spread throughout the world, — conclusive proof that the Sunday school came in response to a real need.

Study of the Bible develops the Christian, and the Sunday school thru the International Sunday school Lessons, prepared by learned men and consecrated men of God, so arranged as to cover the Bible every few years, furnishes a fine opportunity for a more intensive study of the Bible than would be were it not for the Sunday-school. The religious and secular papers furnish comments on the lessons which are read by all interested in religious matters whether they attend Sunday school or not. Thus the Sunday school's influence extends to those who do not themselves attend. The Sunday-school has largely increased the number of Christians engaged in Christian work, and work develops the Christian as nothing else does. However conscious the teacher may be of his imperfections as a teacher, he never doubts the beneficial effects of teaching upon himself. Christians ought to offer themselves as teachers instead of having to be urged. Many of our young men and women who have taken advantage of the fine educational opportunities that we now have ought to offer themselves as teachers in the Sunday-school. It stimulates spiritual growth and develops those who afterward become the active officials of the church. In a multitude of ways the Sunday school strengthens the church—it is the nursery of the church.

Respectfully submitted.

E. F. Sherwood,)

D. C. Mast,) Com.

Adjourned for one hour.

Benediction by J. H. Farthing.

EVENING SESSION

The association re-assembled and sang "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood." Prayer by L. A. Wilson.

L. A. Wilson read the report on

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We your committee make the following report:

The next session of this association to convene at Laurel Springs Church on Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in August, 1923. Elder R. C. Eggers to preach the introductory sermon; Eld. J. H. Farthing, alternate.

Wm. Elrod,)

Adopted.

L. A. Wilson,) Com

Mrs. W. W. Wilson read the report on Woman's Work. Discussed by Roy Dotson, F. M. Huggins. Report adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK

At the close of another year—this being the ninth year of the Union—we make our report with very humble hearts realizing that we have not done all we might have done.

We admit with sorrow that the lethargy which the committee on State of the Churches reports as crippling the work of churches, has invaded the ranks of the W.M.U. to some extent, and we have lost during the past year one of our Woman's Societies, so that we have now only 6 W.M.S. 4 Sunbeam Bands and 1 Y.W.A.

The annual meeting of the Union was held at Beaver Dam Baptist church Sept 10, 1921 with a splendid delegation present.

We have contributed this year to the Campaign Pledges \$669.48,

to Relief in Near East \$20, Local Expenses \$11.20. Total \$700.68.

Your committee recommend that the pastors and delegates from the various churches use their influence for the advancement of the W.M.U. work in the churches, and that each church send a representative to Boone church on Friday before the 3d Sunday in Sept. to attend the annual meeting of the W.M.U.

All pastors are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

Mrs. D. F. Horton, Mrs. W. W. Wilson.

Roy Dotson read the report on B. Y. P. U. Discussed by Roy Dotson C. J. Cottrell, W. Y. Perry, E. J. Farthing, John Norris, R. M. Farthing, and adopted.

B. Y. P. U.

The B. Y. P. U. work is new and undeveloped in the Three Forks Association.

The first reason for the undeveloped condition of the work is due to an improper understanding of the purposes of the union.

The second reason is a lack of strong intelligent Christian leadership. A third reason is a spirit of indifference and lack of encouragement on the part of the older members of the church.

The object of the Baptist Young People's Union is the increased spirituality of the young Christians; their training in essential church activities; their edification in Scripture knowledge; their instruction in Baptist doctrine and history; their enlistment in all forms of missionary endeavor through existing denominational organizations.

Therefore, we heartily recommend that the work of the B. Y. P. U. be given more encouragement and that through this organization an earnest effort be made to develop competent leaders among the young people in all the churches of this association.

Roy Dotson, Com.

Report on Nominations was read by W. S. Farthing. Adopted.

NOMINATIONS

Your committee on Nominations recommend the following:

Executive Committee: G. P. Hagaman, D. C. Mast, J. R. Isaacs, I. G. Greer, W. N. Howell, with the Moderator and Clerk.

For member State Board of Missions: A. J. Greene.

" Associational Vice Pres. Foreign Mission B'd.: W. Y. Perry.

" Sunday School Secretary: Roy Dotson.

" Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: L. C. Wilson, W. S. Farthing, F. M. Huggins, and Smith Hagaman.

For Corresponding Messengers:

To Ashe Association: L. A. Wilson, W. H. Mikeal, Levi Greene and Will H. McGuire.

To Stony Fork Association: F. M. Huggins, G. W. Robbins, Alex. Hagaman, W. R. Gragg and J. L. Hayes.

To Caldwell Co. Association: E. D. Robbins, F. M. Huggins, Wm. Elrod, and H. S. Shores.

To Watauga Association: R C Eggers, J H Farthing, G W Roten and E J Farthing:

To Mitchell Co. Association: John Norris, E C Hodges, A. J. Greene and W A Braswell.

To Avery Co Association: L C Wilson, E M Greer, Wellington Swift, W A Pennell.

Respectfully,

W. S. Farthing and J. K. Perry.

Report on Resolutions was read by G. W. Robbins, and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

We your committee on Resolutions beg leave to submit the following:

1. We believe that the cause of intemperance has not decreased as it should, owing to the slackness of our officers and for the lack of our folks to co-operate with them in their efforts to put down the manufacture and sale of strong drink.

2. We would recommend that all of our churches in the association see that their members do not tolerate, encourage or protect the violators of our laws, but use every honest effort to help our officers to enforce our prohibition laws, that temperance and sobriety might prevail over our land and country.

3. We feel, as an association, a greater need of a more united effort among our Baptist people to enlist a greater number of our people in the cause of temperance and for the upbuilding of churches throughout the Association.

4. We urge all of our preachers of all our churches to insist on the members to attend their regular church meetings and share their part of the church expenses.

5. We would recommend that all our pastors use their efforts in their charge to pay their pledges to the 75 Million campaign fund.

6. We would recommend that all our ministers attend our annual meetings as we feel it is their duty to attend these meetings.

7. In view of the discussion of the consolidation of the Three Forks and Stony Fork associations: Resolved that this association extend to the Stony Fork Association a hearty welcome to come into our association whenever they will.

8. We tender our most hearty and sincere thanks to Timbered Ridge Baptist Church and community for the kind and noble way they entertained the association. May God's blessings rest on them!

G. W. Robbins, Com.

Roy Dotson was elected Colporteur.

The Treasurer read his report which was adopted.

(Treasurer's Report appears on next page.)

A motion prevailed that W. Y. Perry act as treasurer for ensuing year.

A motion prevailed that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes and that they be distributed to churches according to their contributions. Allowed Clerk \$7.50 for services.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received for Orphanage,	\$ 30.35
“ State Missions,	41.21
“ Minute Fund,	58.57
Total,	<u>\$130.13</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

To Walters Durham for:

Ministerial Relief,	\$ 4.05
75-Million,	20.50
State Missions,	1.00
Home “	1.00
Foreign “	1.00
Undesignated,	13.66
Will H. McGuire for printing,	51.05
Clerk of Association,	7.50
Orphanage,	30.35
Postage,	.02

Total,	<u>\$130.13</u>
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W. Y. Perry, Treas.

The different correspondents reported.

The Moderator read his appointment for

Standing Committees for 1923.

Foreign Missions—W. S. Farthing, E. J. Farthing.

Home Missions—A. J. Greene, D. J. Cottrell.

State Missions—F. M. Huggins, Joseph H. Winkler.

Education—W. Y. Perry, Greer Glenn.

Pastoral Support—G. P. Sherrill, S. C. Eggers.

Duties of Pastors to Churches—R. C. Eggers, Alex. Wilson.

Sunday Schools—D. C. Mast, Roy Dotson.

Baptist Orphanage—Wm. Elrod, John Norris.

Books and Periodicals—D. D. Dougherty, I. G. Greer.

Resolutions—J. L. Hodges, T. L. Mast.

Order of Business—W. Y. Perry, D. F. Horton.

State of Churches—G. W. Robbins, George Roten.

Temperance—L. C. Wilson, Edgar Hardin.

Woman's Work—Mrs. I. G. Greer, Mrs. Margaret Hagaman.

Old Ministers' Relief—J. H. Farthing, Alex. Hagaman.

Nominations—W. S. Farthing, C. J. Cottrell.

B. Y. P. U. Hazel Carriger, George Sherrill, Jr.

Report of Com. on Finance was read by R. M. Farthing. Adopted.

FINANCE

We your committee beg leave to submit that \$48.26 was turned over to us for Minute Fund and \$45.21 for other purposes.

Total, 93.47.

R. M. Farthing, D. F. Horton.

The report on Duties of Pastors was read by the clerk. Adopted.

DUTIES of PASTORS to CHURCHES

We would exhort our pastors at the beginning of this another year to "Magnify their office."

It is important of course, to give instruction from the pulpit and it is incumbent on a pastor to give much thought and care to that part of his work. We all love to hear a man who is apt to teach, deliver a message from the pulpit.

But a close supervision of each member of his flock is what distinguishes the good shepherd from the sorry one. So we would advise our pastors to renew their efforts in coming into close personal touch with their churches' members, reproofing, rebuking, exhorting with all long suffering and doctrine where it will do the most good.

We rejoice in the good that has been accomplished in the past by our pastors, and pray that through the coming years their influence may be extended and strengthened for good.

Carroll Greene.

'J. H. Farthing conducted the closing exercises by reading a portion of Scripture and leading in prayer.

"How Firm a Foundation" was sung while the messengers gave each other the parting hand.

Benediction by L. C. Wilson.

SMITH HAGAMAN,

W. Y. PERRY,
Clerk.

Moderator.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

NAME	CHURCH	POST OFFICE	N. C.
G. W. Trivett,	Antioch	Vilas,	N. C.
W. H. Glenn,	"	Watauga Falls,	"
J. H. Farthing,	Bethel	Sweet Water,	"
L. C. Wilson,	"	Zionville,	"
F. D. Rominger,	Bethany	Hackett,	"
F. M. Huggins	Boone	Boone,	"
A. J. Greene,	"	"	"
E. D. Robbins,	Blowing Rock	Blowing Rock,	"
Wellington Swift,	Forest Grove	Reese,	"
Levi Greene	Gap Creek	Hopkins,	"
John Norris,	Howards Creek	Boone,	"
L. A. Wilson,	Proffits Grove	Zionville,	"
R. H. Shores,	Middle Fork	Blowing Rock,	"
— — Braswell	Mt. Calvary	Montezuma,	"
R. L. Palmer,	Mt. Gilead	Beech Creek,	"
E. C. Hodges,	Oak Grove	Adams,	"
W. A. Pennell,	Rich Mountain	Zionville,	"
J. M. Griggs,	South Fork	Todd,	"
H. H. Smith,	Stony Fork	Stony Fork,	"
R. C. Eggers,	Zionville	Zionville,	"

TABLE I. CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	PASTORS	P. O.	CLERKS	P. O.	Time of Meeting	Baptisms	Rec by Letter	Restored	Lost by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Members	Persons Seated	Value of Ch. Property
Antioch	W. Swift	Reese	Chas Tester,	Watauga Falls	1	8	4		4	1		175	350	\$1000
Bethel	J. H. Farthing	Sweet Water	W. S. Farthing	Sugar Grove	4	2	2		5		3	138	350	537
Beaver Dam	"	"	Luther Wilson	Reese	1	5	2		2		1	80	250	200
Bethany	F C Watts	Parlier	H M Watson	Hackett	4	16	2		6	1	1	92	200	600
Brushy Fork	L A Wilson	Zionville	L M Trivett	Vilas	2	4	6						450	2000
Boone	F M Huggins	Boone	W R Gragg	Boone	2-416	37			6			231	500	10000
Blowing Rock	"	"	M C Johnson	Blowing Rock	1	7	3		13	1	1	125		
Cove Creek	"	"	A D Wilson	Vilas	3	1						121		1000
Cool Spring	E C Hodges	Adams	H H Day	Blowing Rock	1	13	9	1	6	1	1	131		1500
Clarks Creek														
Elk Knob														
Fall Creek	John Norris	Boone	Pearl Storie	Heaton	2	5			4			53		300
Forest Grove	R C Eggers	Zionville	Roy Haganan	Vilas	2	9		3	6		1	144		1000
Gap Creek	Levi Greene	Hopkins	A G Miller	Yuma		9			5			133		1200
Howards Creek	D M Wheeler	Bamboo	E J Norris	Sands	4	11	3		1	2	2	92		500
Laurel Spring	Levi Greene	Hopkins	J B Clawson	Rutherford	2	14	2	3	2	1	3	141		1000
Profitts Grove	L A Wilson	Zionville	D L Greene	Zionville	4	13						46	300	900
Meat Camp	R C Eggers	Zionville	L A Greene	Sands	3	13		1	52	1		147	350	750
Middle Fork	E C Hodges	Adams	R C Greene	Blowing Rock	4	3		1	6		1	95		1800
Mt. Calvary	F C Watts	Parlier	J M Shoemaker,	Balm	4	21			1			144		1000
Mt. Lebanon	E C Hodges	Adams	I A Bumgarner,	Vilas	3	19	2	4	7	4	2	144		800
Mt. Gillead	R L Palmer	Beech Creek	T M Yountz	Beech Creek	3		2	2	2	3	3	86		1500
Oak Grove	E C Hodges	Adams	J C Hodges	Adams	3	6	5		1			54		1000
Pleasant Grove	R C Eggers	Zionville	J H Mast	Zionville	4	6	1	4	2	2	2	216		1000
Rich Mountain.					1	9	2	2			1	68		1000

Shulls Mills.....	E C Hodges	Adams	J M Day	Shulls Mills	2	3	2	64	1200
South Fork.....	S C Blackburn	Todd	W H McGuire	Brookside	2-4	18	3	2	1200
Stony Fork.....	F C Watts	Parlier	Z V Greene	Stony Fork	2	4	9	1	1000
Samson.....									
Three Forks.....	F C Watts	Parlier	A J Edmisten	Boone	3	1	5	2	2000
Timb'd Ridge.....	W Swift	Beese	W L Greene	Sugar Grove	2	3	4	1	1500
Union.....	R C Eggers	Zionville	J M Burkett	Mabel	1	2	1	2	800
Willowdale.....	A J Greene	Mabel	J H Brinkley	Vilas	1	2	2	83	200
Zionville.....	L A Wilson	Zionville	J C Jones	Zionville	1	18	11	5	800
Zion Hill.....	W Swift	Reese	E F Harman	Beech Creek	4	6	1	1	800

All the above churches have wooden houses except Boone. It has a brick house, also a pastor's home valued at \$2,000.

Officers of the Association

Moderator—	Smith Hagaman,	Boone, N. C.
Sec.-Treas.—	W. Y. Perry,	Vilas, N. C.
Colporteur—	Roy Dotson,	Vilas, N. C.
Historian—	Smith Hagaman,	Boone, N. C.

Roll of Messengers

CHURCHES

MESSENGERS

- Antioch—E M Greer, John Ward, Chas Tester.
 Bethel—Alex Hagaman, E J Farthing, W S Farthing.
 Beaver Dam—G P Sherrill, W J Hagaman, Raleigh Wilson.
 Bethany—A T Watson, R D Edmisten.
 Brushy Fork—J H Hayes, Grady Greene.
 Boone—D D Dougherty, C J Cotrell.
 Blowing Rock—Letter, no messengers.
 Cove Creek—A D Wilson, D C Mast, W Y Perry.
 Cool Springs—J M Pearson.
 Clarks Creek—No letter or messengers.
 Elk Knob—No letter or messengers.
 Fall Creek—M W Storie, G G Gryder.
 Forest Grove—Smith Hagaman, Roy Dotson, E R Eggers.
 Gap Creek—A G Miller, A C Miller, O P Miller.
 Howards Creek—E J Norris, Manley McBride.
 Laurel Springs—E B Hardin, J B Clawson.
 Meat Camp—Lloyd Norris.
 Middle Fork—R C Greene, Wm Elrod.
 Mt Calvery—J C Greer, E F Chapell, F P Chapell.
 Mt Lebanon—D S Love, Mrs D S Love, George Danner.
 Mt Gillead—R T Palmer, T M Warren, George Lawrence.
 Oak Grove—Letter no messengers.
 Pleasant Grove—R P Robinson.
 Proffits Grove—S S Norris, Henry Proffit.
 Rich Mountain—A B Greene.
 South Fork—Letter, no messengers.
 Stony Fork—W H Miller.
 Shulls Mills—G W Robbins.
 Three Forks—Letter no messengers.
 Timbered Ridge—E B Hagaman, A C Greene, John W Ward.
 Union—Henry Norris, J M Burket.
 Willowdale—F C Ward, W J Mast.
 Zionville—George Roten.
 Zion Hill—Henry Hagaman, E F Harmon.

W. M. U.

The ninth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Association was held with the Boone society, Sept. 15, 1922. The doctrinal service was in charge of Mrs. J. D. Brown of Blowing Rock. Opening prayer by Mrs. D. F. Horton, after which Mrs. Brown read 3d chapter of 1st Cor. Prayer led by F.M.Huggins

Mrs Dougherty, in behalf of the Boone society, gave the address of welcome, to which Mrs. Enoch Swift responded.

When the roll was called Bethel responded with two delegates, Blowing Rock 2, Cove Creek 4, Forest Grove 1, Pleasant Grove 2, Boone 18.

Next in the order of business was the Superintendent's report by Mrs. W. W. Wilson. Mrs. Wilson reported six Woman's Societies in the Union with a membership of 115, one Society, timbered Ridge having disbanded during the year. Mrs. Wilson emphasized the great need of renewing efforts, stating that we had fallen behind this year \$110 68 in our pledges to the Campaign fund. She further reported that one society, Boone, had reached every point in the standard of excellence set by the state Department; four societies had made three points and one society only one point.

This report was followed by the reports of societies. The report from Cove Creek being submitted by Mrs. Johnson, from Boone, by Mrs. G. P. Hagaman.

The following committees were then appointed by the president:
Nominating Committee:

Mrs. Trivett, Bethel.
Mrs. Hagaman, Forest Grove.
Miss Wilson, Beaver Dam.
Mrs Johnson, Cove Creek.
Mrs. J. D Brown, Blowing Rock.
Mrs G. P. Hagaman, Boone.

Committee on Resolutions: Mrs. J. D. Brown.

" " Time and Place: Mrs. Carter Farthing, Mrs. Enoch Swift, Mrs. D. F. Horton.

Rev. F. M. Huggins then preached the annual sermon which was a powerful appeal for more missionary work, both Home and Foreign. The fact was driven home that God not only called men to Foreign service, but He also called the churches at home to "Hold the Ropes."

After the sermon the session adjourned for dinner which was served in the basement of the church.

The body convened again at 1 p. m.

The devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Horton, sounded a note of encouragement based on the text, "In due time we shall reap if we faint not."

Next followed an enthusiastic talk by Miss Hazel Carriger on the work of the young people in this association. The fact was brought

Table 2=

Financial

CHURCHES

	Pastor's & Other Salaries	Incident- als	Building & Repairs	Local Poor	Literature SS. BY PU	Printing	Total Lo- cal Ch.	Contributions	75 Million (Undes)	Foreign Missions D	Home Missions D	State Missions D	Orphan- age	Ministeri- al Relief	Foreign Relief	Total 75- Mil. Fund	Other Benefvol.	Total Con- tributions
Antioch	59.69	13.15			6.00	1.75	80.59		239.13		3.40		40.15		5.00	290.68	13.46	692.21
Bethel	117.75	.65			21.85	2.50	400.33		1.80		9.18	17.64	79.81	6.43		269.62		402.79
Beaver Dam	97.84				14.56	1.60	134.27		9.76				2.50			12.25		219.24
Bethany	112.09	18.56	76.34		9.00	1.00												
Brushy Fork	101.20	27.00		63.00	55.00	1.65	247.85		8.00	4.50	4.00	10.00	24.85	1.00	9.70	71.05	9.00	318.90
Boone	1015.63	260.45	555.00		109.85	5.00	2045.94		585.20	147.22	27.60	9.05	207.91	13.07		1000.05		3045.99
Blowing Rock	325.00	153.85	48.46	5.40	48.60	2.45	757.97		124.55	12.00	4.00	18.06	38.00	7.50		174.21		757.97
Cove Creek	350.00	80.90			24.72	5.00	460.62		169.24		7.45		213.99	3.75		387.38		848.00
Cool Spring	155.00		38.00	18.50	9.00	1.50	222.00			5.00			24.48			29.48		251.48
Clarks Creek	No Report																	
Elk Knob	"																	
Fall Creek	68.80				3.00	.75	72.55		9.75							9.75		62.30
Forest Grove	115.04		89.07		26.00	1.50	247.61		83.07	12.90	5.35	6.35	90.70			198.37	9.05	454.03
Gap Creek	55.35					1.56	56.91		20.00	5.00			4.00			29.05		76.91
Howards Creek	119.00	36.00			6.00	1.50	156.02						4.20			4.20		163.70
Laurel Spring	176.94	1.50	7.00	5.60	3.60	2.00	195.64		28.25				12.25			40.50		236.14
Profits Grove	36.93	22.55			12.00	1.55	73.03											
Meat Camp	282.78		10.00		14.61	1.78	309.17		10.61				9.03	4.41		24.05		333.22
Middle Fork	172.65		17.87		8.45	1.00	198.97			9.01	13.33		24.13			46.47		245.44
Mt. Calvary	288.41				11.59	1.40	301.30		142.55				25.60			168.15		469.45
Mt. Lebanon	124.04				12.20	1.00	137.24						30.72	4.30		35.02		172.26
Mt. Gillead	37.60	20.00	20.00		8.60	1.25	87.45											
Oak Grove	38.94	1000.00			5		951044.89											
Pleasant Grove	101.47	23.25	80	9.40	6.31	2.00	158.23		6.36	1.00	1.00	1.00	29.53	5.67		41.56		194.79
Rich Mountain	62.50				6.00	1.15	69.65						4.80			7.84		76.99

Shulls Mills.....	89.07	56.80	25.50	1.00	172.37				10.00		182.37
South Fork.....	152.25	147.10	35.73	1.68	341.81	101.45			37.50	16.36	497.12
Stony Fork.....	95.36	7.00	230.00	12.50	2	346.86	6.40		7.55		360.81
Samson.....	No Report.										
Three Forks.....	100.00	1000.00	10.00	1.05	1111.05			2.00	3.00	1.00	1111.83
Timb'd Ridge.....	56.00			1.75	12.26	99.70			13.16		112.86
Union.....	74.50	11.02	3.55	11.14	1.05	101.26			7.42		108.68
Willowdale.....	74.80			1.25	76.05				18.35		90.40
Zionville.....	230.85			35.00	30.00	1.00	296.85				408.08
Zion Hill.....	24.00	4.25		9.54	90	14.69		9.40	3.20	15.96	111.23
										6.65	

Regular Church Treasurers reported:

Bethel reported \$227.08 for Ministerial Help, and \$137.00 for Other Objects and \$3. for Ministerial Ed.	Antioch—E. M. Greer, Watauga Falls, N. C.
Beaver Dam reports \$20. 77 for Other Objects and \$9.10 for Ministerial Education.	Bethel— E J Farthing, Sugar Grove,
Boone reports \$10.00 for Ministerial Education.	Beaver Dam—Lee Swift, Reese,
Cove Creek \$2.95 for Ministerial Education.	Cove Creek—D F Horton, Vilas,
All this appears in their respective totals.	Forest Grove—Roy Haganan, Vilas,
	South Fork—W G Cook, Todd,

out that there were four B. Y. P. Unions in the association and one in the process of organization. Mrs. Trivett of Bethel spoke of the necessity of training the young people. Mrs. Swift asked recognition by the church of the work of the young people, and Mrs. Horton further explained the nature of the different organizations.

Mrs. Barlow of Lenoir talked on the Training School, explaining its origin and urging its support.

Mrs. Pulliam brought greetings from the Atlantic Division of the W. M. U., and told something of the work of the women in Washington. She also emphasized Mission Study.

Mr. Yates, representing the Chatauqua Committee, extended an invitation to the visiting ladies to attend the opening program of the Chatauqua immediately following the session.

Mrs. D. F. Horton read an interesting paper on the "Margaret Fund", its establishment, administration and purpose.

Mrs. Huggins, Y. W. A. Superintendent, reported the Boone Y. W. A. as still active, and a new organization at Blowing Rock.

Mr. Smith Hagaman spoke a word of encouragement to the Union

Mrs. Moore as director of the Boone Sunbeam Band, presented an attractive program with the assistance of her band of little folks.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows:

Mrs. D. F. Horton, Superintendent.

Mrs. W. W. Wilson, assistant Supt.

Mrs. I. G. Greer, Secretary.

Chairman Personal Service, Mrs. Enoch Swift.

Mission Study chairman, Mrs. J. D. Brown.

The report was unanimously adopted.

Mrs. D. F. Horton read the recommendations of the Executive Committee as follows: 1st We declare ourselves as supporting prohibition, and as a united body of Christian women, we pledge ourselves to concentrate our vote for the man who we believe will execute our laws, regardless of politics.

2nd. Believing that prayer is the most powerful influence that we can use in bringing the world to Jesus, we urge the importance of giving it first place in our individual lives and in the meetings of the societies, and recommend that each society unite on some one person as an object of prayer and ask God's help in leading at least one lost soul to know Jesus as savior and Lord, for we have a promise in Matt. 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered together in My name there am I in the midst of them," and 21 Chapt. 22 verse, "And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing, ye shall receive."

The report was unanimously adopted.

Mrs. J. D. Brown read the report on resolutions extending thanks to the Boone church and society for the splendid entertainment, urging an especial effort to meet all campaign pledges, and extending sympathy to the Superintendent in her recent bereavement.

Her report was adopted. Mrs. Swift then suggested that an especial vote of thanks be extended to Mrs. Moore for the Sunbeam demonstration.

The committee on Time and Place reported that the Union would meet at Cove Creek in September of next year, the exact date to be set by the Executive Committee.

There being no further business, the Union adjourned.

Mrs. W. W. Wilson, Superintendent,

Mrs. I. G. Greer, Secretary.

Society	Church	President and P.O.	No. mem.
W. M. S.	Bethel	Mrs. W. W. Wilson, Sugar Grove	16
"	Blowing Rock	" J. D. Brown, Blowing Rock	13
Sunbeams	"		
W. M. S.	Beaver Dam	Miss Rachel Wilson, Reese	9
"	Boone	Mrs. D. D. Dougherty, Boone	34
Sunbeams	"	Mrs. E. H. Moore, Boone	
W. M. S.	Cove Creek	" Nan Johnson, Sherwood	25
"	Forest Grove	" Alice Moody, Vilas	18
Y. W. A.	Boone	" F. M. Huggins, Boone	28
"	Blowing Rock		

B. Y. P. U.

Church	President and P. O.	Sr. B. Y. P. U.'s	Srs. Enrol
Bethel	J. A. Farthing, Sweetwater	1	30
Boone	Miss H. Carriger, Boone	1	75

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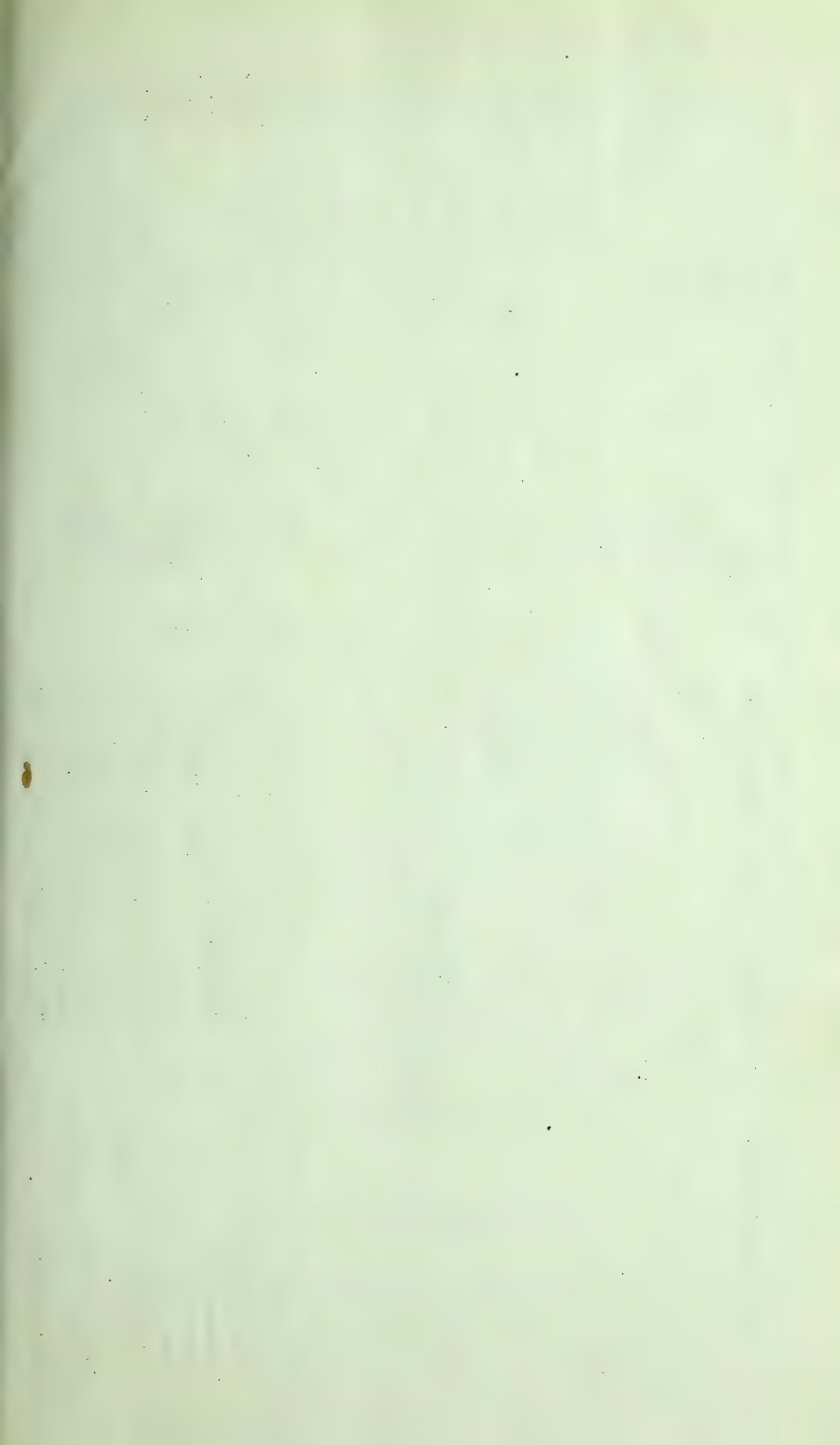
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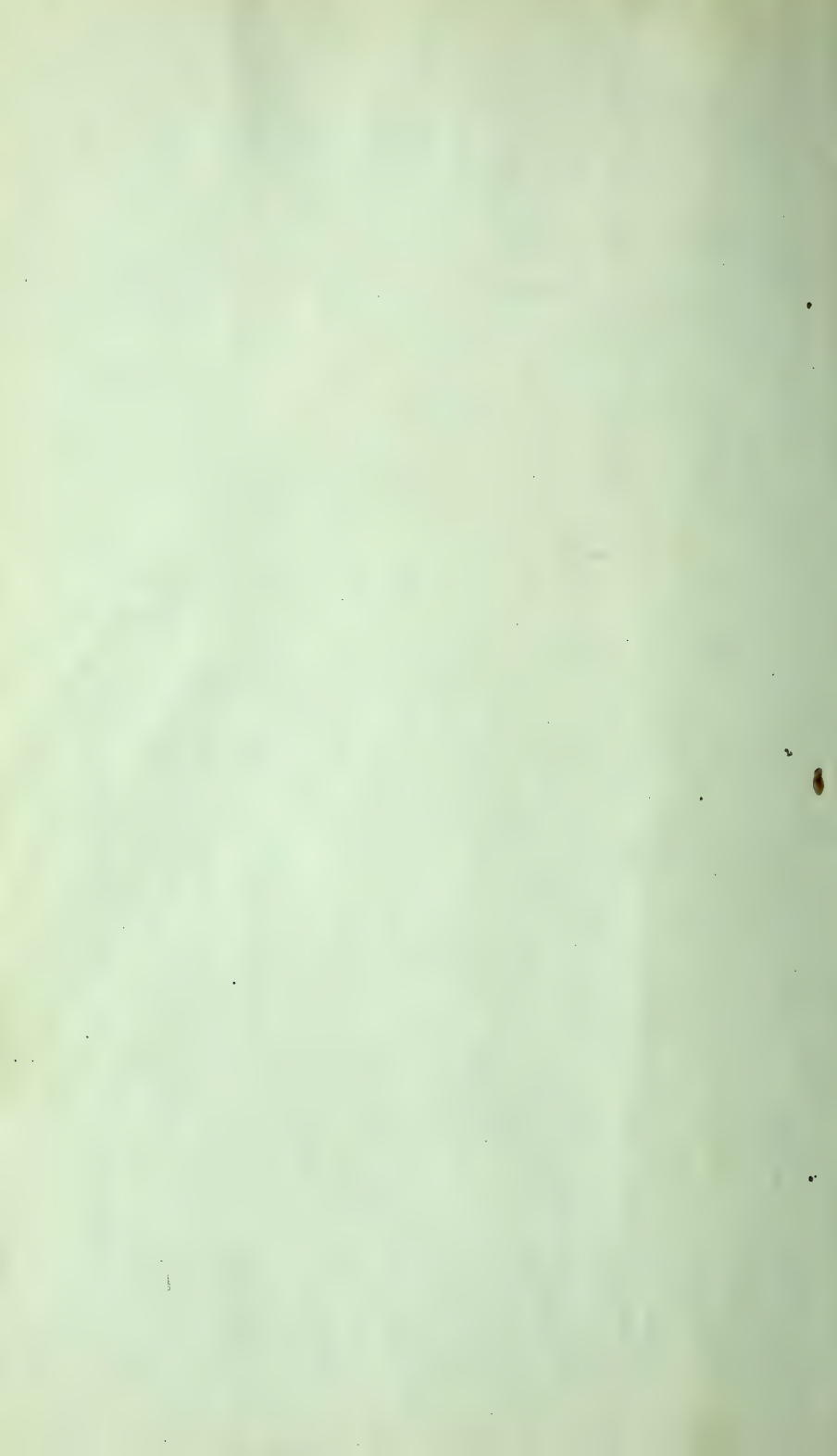
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TABLE III. SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	SUPT.	P. O.	SECY	P. O.	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrolled	Church Mem-bers Enrolled	Baptisms from School	Local Expenses	No Missions	Total of all Contributors
Antioch	J. L. Glenn	Watauga Falls	Edna Tester	Watauga Falls	11	110	58	7	3.00	.....	3.50
Bethel	E. J. Farthing	Sweet Water	J M Greene	Sugar Grove	9	89	58	7	158.85	.....	163.85
Beaver Dam	J R Wilson	Reese	Fay Wilson	Reese	9	71	58	7	14.56	.....	61.03
Bethany	L M Farthing	Hackett	H M Watson	Hackett	5	35	20		9.00	.....	9.00
Brushy Fork	T E Bingham	Vilas	Dora Greer	Lovill	6	55	21	3	10.50	11.00	21.50
Boone	W R Gragg	Boone	R M Greene	Boone	13	475	175	12	106.85	229.23	342.08
Blowing Rock	J H Winkler	Blowing Rock	Agnes Knight	Blowing Rock	11	85	30	3	48.60	61.47	110.07
Cove Creek	J J Glenn	Vilas	Blanche Mast	Sugar Grove	10	85	40	1	24.72	67.75	92.47
Cool Spring	W O Payne	Blowing Rock	Virgie Rodgers	Blowing Rock	5	35	20		9.00	24.48	33.48
Clarks Creek											
Elk Knob											
Fall Creek	W B Norris	Heaton	Bulah Gryder	Heaton	5	30	13	5	2.00		2.00
Forest Grove	Roy Dotson	Vilas	Dean Swift	Vilas	9	109	60	9	26.00	66.10	92.10
Gap Creek	A R Yates	Hopkins	J Q Welch	Hopkins	5	75	32		5.14		5.14
Howards Creek	D W Cook	Sands	Ola Hayes	Sands	6	93					
Laurel Spring	Arthur Greene	Brownwood	J B Clawson	Rutherford	8	97	42	12	7.88		7.88
Profits Grove	J A Winebarger	Meat Camp	Lloyd Miller	Meat Camp	6	75	32		12.00		12.00
Meat Camp	J W Byers	Sands	W M McGuire	Sands	8	79	40		14.61		14.61
Middle Fork	G F Edmisten	Blowing Rock	Fay Ashley	Blowing Rock	5	40			8.45	24.13	32.58
Mt. Calvary	Clyde Greene	Balm	Thelma Mikeal	Balm	6	68			11.59		11.59
Mt. Lebanon	S B Hayes	Vilas	Mrs I A Bumgarner	Vilas	7	78	50	8	12.20	11.15	23.35
Mt. Gilead	Smith Eggers	Beech Creek	Bonnie Younce	Beech Creek	5	75	50		8.60	10.00	18.60
Oak Grove	J W Greene	Adams	L C Gross	Adams	5	33	16	3	2.50	2.25	4.75
Pleasant Grove	E H Perry	Zionville	Rosa Isaacs	Vilas	8	74	5				
Rich Mountain	A B Greene	"	Bertha Penley	Zionville	5	45	22	9	6.00		6.00

Shulls Mills.....	G W Robbins	Shulls Mills	J M Day	Shulls Mills	8	84	25	25.50	10.00	35.50
South Fork.....	I E Duncan	Todd	E R Mikeal	Todd	6			35.78	12.77	48.55
Stony Fork.....	A J Wellborn	Stony Fork	Jennie Greene	Stony Fork	10	109	40	12.50		12.50
Samson.....										
Three Forks.....	A J Edmisten	Boone	Lottie Edmisten	Boone	6	46		10.00	7.50	17.50
Timb'd Ridge.....	H H Greene	Leander	Lucy Greene	Sugar Grove	6	59				
Union.....	G C Norris	Mabel	Sallie Warren	Mabel	9	113		11.14		11.14
Willowdale.....	Gordon Hodges	Vilas	Edith Brinkley	Vilas	8	74	30	23.29	3.04	26.33
Zionville.....	G C Greer	Zionville	Blanch Grogan	Zionville	8	103	14	30.00		30.00
Zion Hill.....	H A Haganan	Beech Creek	Gordon Haganan	Beech Creek	8	68	30	9.24		9.24





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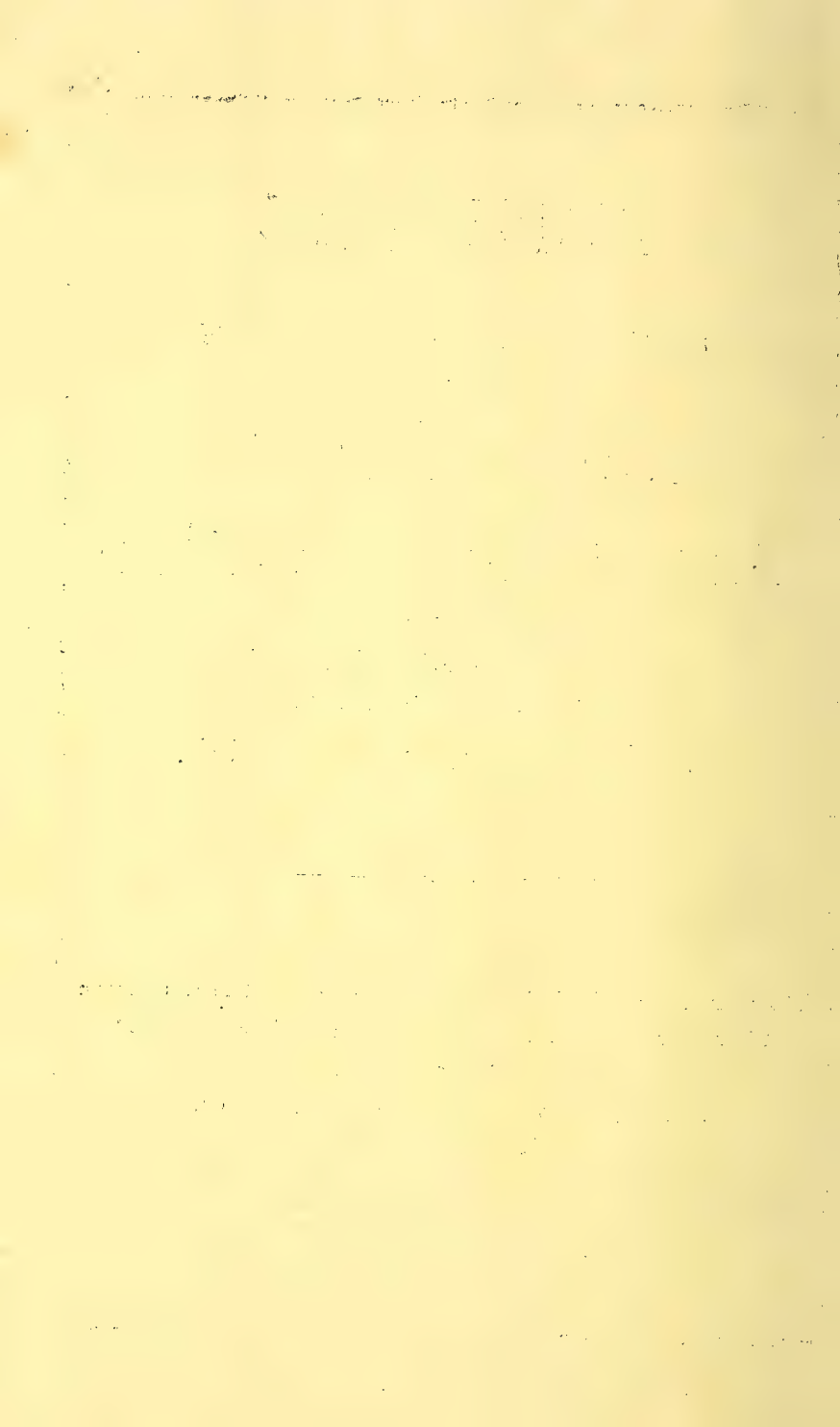
MINUTES
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OF THE
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Baptist Association

HELD WITH
LAUREL SPRINGS CHURCH
WATAUGA COUNTY, N. C.
AUGUST 28 & 29, 1923.

The next session of this Association to be held at Pleasant Grove Church, Watauga Co., beginning the First Tuesday after the **Second Sunday** in August, 1924.

Eld. Roy Dotson to preach the annual sermon.
Rev. B. H. Harrill alternate.

Will H. McGuire, Printer, Brookside, N. C.



MINUTES

—OF THE—

Three Forks Baptist Association

83rd Annual Session

Rutherford, N. C., August 28, 1923.

THE Three Forks Baptist Association met this day in its eighty-third annual session, with Laurel Springs Baptist church.

Nearer My God to Thee was sung. Prayer was then offered by L. A. Wilson leading.

E. R. Eggers then read Acts 20th chap. beginning with 17th ver. after which he led in prayer.

The congregation then sang How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord. Bro. Eggers announced his text, Acts 20:35. Subject: Christian Giving. F. M. Huggins then led in prayer. L. C. Wilson led in singing, My Soul Be On Thy Guard.

The Moderator then called for the letters from the churches which had not been sent to the clerk. On motion of John Norris they were referred to the clerk.

The term of office of the present officers having expired, on motion of L. C. Wilson, W. R. Bradshaw was requested to cast the ballot of the association for the present officers, Smith Hagaman for Moderator and W. Y. Perry for Clerk. The vote was so cast.

The moderator announced the following committees:

Religious Exercises: Pastor and Messengers of Laurel Springs ch.

Finance: Lee Swift and J. R. Isaacs.

Time, Place and Preacher: Wm. Elrod and D. D. Dougherty.

J. E. Farthing and W. Clay Wilson were added to the committee on Resolutions.

Visitors and correspondents were invited to seats and the following brethren announced themselves:

W. R. Bradshaw and H. C. Whitner from South Fork association

W. R. Beach, representing the Biblical Recorder.

The Order of Business was changed so that Missions was made a special order first afternoon.

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow was sung.

Benediction by H. C. Whitner.

TUESDAY EVENING SESSION

The association sang Amazing Grace and W. Clay Wilson led in prayer.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by W. S. Farthing.

The clerk read the report on Home Missions.

F. M. Huggins read the report on State Missions.

The reports were discussed by H. C. Whitner and W. R. Bradshaw.
Reports adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The History of Foreign Missions as prosecuted by the Baptists since the year 1800 will thrill any true Baptist with pleasure.

In that year there were probably not more than 250,000 Baptists in the world; now there are above eleven millions. Then there were no Baptist missionaries abroad except, perhaps Wm. Carey and a few other Englishmen. To-day, notwithstanding there are many destitute places, the globe is belted with Baptist Missions, and Southern Baptists are doing missionary work in at least 17 different countries.

We had 328 Foreign Missionaries on the field at the beginning of the 75-million campaign, and the number has been increased to about 500 since then. The work has prospered in their hands. Many have been baptized into the fellowship of the churches on foreign fields, hospitals have been built, and schools have been established.

Since the Seventy-five Million Campaign the work on foreign fields has been better equipped, the capacity of hospitals and schools has been increased and new hospitals have been built.

In the year 1850, there was not a single Baptist church in Continental Europe and in 1850 there were only about 4000 members of our denomination on the continent, now there are considerably more than 1,000,000, and some authorities put the number at 2,000,000.

It was agreed at the London Conference that the mission territory in the States of Southern Europe should be cultivated by the Southern Baptist Convention and that work is fraught with great possibilities. The territory of Southern Europe was never more open to the preaching of the gospel as we have it than now.

The people of those states are inclined to democracy in religion as well as democracy in civil government.

Our Baptist people in those states are generally poor people and have no Baptist Literature of any consequence out side of the Bible and some of them are short of that. The Board has already commenced work in that territory, and it is hopeful if properly sustained.

All the above facts greatly encourage us but there are some things calculated to depress us.

Four years ago the Foreign Missionary Board laid their plans, expecting a large increase in Foreign Mission receipts, but the failure of some of our people to meet their pledges has disappointed them. This failure doubtless, was partly unavoidable, but it has hindered the work of the Board, shortened their program and left them baffled

and somewhat discouraged, and to make the situation still more serious, left the Board in debt.

There are but three ways by which the embarrassment of the Board can be removed:

First: The redemption of Campaign Pledges to the amount of \$75,000,000.

Second: Special contributions to Foreign Missions in excess of Campaign Pledges.

Third: A curtailment of the work.

The third method is unthinkable for it would be humiliating to recall some of our missionaries from the foreign field, and would be discreditable in the eyes of the Christian world, to Southern Baptists.

But the first and second methods, mentioned above, might be successfully used in conjunction, to the honor and credit of the Baptist brotherhood of the South.

Finally, we would urge all our people if possible, to redeem their Campaign Pledges, and all who have not made pledges or who have made pledges not at all commensurate with their ability, to make special contributions to Foreign Missions, and let us all remember Foreign Missions and the Foreign Missionary Board at the Throne of God's Grace.

Respectfully submitted.

E. J. Farthing }
W. S. Farthing } Com.

HOME MISSIONS

Home Mission work among Southern Baptists is conducted by a board with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga. The activities are so many that we can only write briefly of each.

Co-operative Missions.— This is one of our fine departments. In co-operation with mission work in each state we are able to do effective work. The sum of \$183,000 is used in this work. This is one of the departments that there was no retrenchment during the year.

Evangelism and Enlistment.— Results in this work justifies the consolidation of these departments last year. There are 70 workers. During the year we spent \$144,000. From the field 13,000 conversions are reported.

Foreigners and Negroes.— In this department we had 91 workers with an expenditure of \$100,000. These classes of people are a menace to our civilization. Our only remedy is to give them the gospel.

Mountain Schools.— The number is 31. We have 5000 pupils, taught by 218 teachers. The Board pays \$53,000 to defray a part of the expenses. For improvement we have spent \$107,000. The income is \$181,000. The total valuation of property is \$1,500,000. The schools are fulfilling an important mission. We have 272 min-

isters. Many boys and girls have received their first vision of a higher life in these poorly equipped schools.

In Cuba and Panama.-- Among the people in these two places we have some good work started with 70 workers at an expense of \$75-000.

Soldiers, Seamen and Marines. — With an appropriation of \$15,000 and 10 workers we are supplying a need. We provide a place where these men may meet for study and religious instruction.

Church Extension.— This field has an extensive opportunity for usefulness. We gave aid to 94 churches with an income of \$193,000. Doubtless much of our poor church life is due to insufficient buildings.

Southern Baptist Sanitorium.— Our Board used \$34,000 on this institution. It is in its infancy. We have a place where our people may go for treatment and have suitable environment.

Let us urge our people to share in this great work that is on among Southern Baptists.

A. J. Greene, D. J. Cotrell, Com.

STATE MISSIONS

The Baptist State Convention was organized ninety-two years ago at Greenville. The purpose of this organization, as was expressed in this first meeting, was to give the gospel to North Carolina, and out from North Carolina to the ends of the earth. This is essentially the work of State Missions to day. During these years there has been growth, organization, and expansion, but fundamentally the task is, as it has been, to give the gospel to the people.

Our State Mission work is divided into seven separate departments as follows:

1. Department of Missionary-Pastoral support. During the last convention year, the State Board helped in the support of 202 missionary-pastors. \$56,342.53 was expended for this purpose. The missionaries report 4,910 conversions and 3,845 baptisms.

The churches aided by the Board contribute \$43,085.86 to the 75-million campaign and \$21,17.19 to specified objects of the convention. These churches contribute more to this than they receive.

2. Department of Enlistment and country church. A. C. Hamby is the Superintendent of this department. He has associated with him a number of enlistment workers. Their work is to organize fields; help in the location of pastors; and to hold Stewardship and Tithing Institutes. It is the purpose of the department this year to confine its work to 5 or 6 associations, so as to do more intensive work.

3. Department of Sunday Schools. Brother Middleton has given his life for our Sunday schools, but these 15 years have witnessed wonderful growth and development. There is still great need for

better equipment and more trained teachers. There are 500,000 people, belonging to our constituency, who attend no Sunday school.

4. Department of B. Y. P. U.— Under the efficient leadership of Perry Morgan and Miss Farabough, this work has made wonderful growth. Last year the unions grew from 611 to 1,025.

5. Department of W. M. U.— Under the leadership of Miss Mary Warren, their Corresponding Secretary, the women are still forging ahead. They stimulate missionary interest, and giving. They are ahead of the men in payment of their pledges.

7. Department of Church Building.—This fund is small, too small to meet the demands upon it. Yet it has assisted many churches in needy places. It is assisting in the erection of a new house of worship at Chapel Hill, and one at the A. & E. College at Raleigh.

State missions deserves our support. Let us stand by the work.

We recommend that 1. the pastors preach on State missions some time during the year; 2. that collections be taken for State Missions in all the churches, and that 3. our Book Department at Raleigh be patronized. Any book which one may want may be secured here. Respectfully Submitted.

F. M. Huggins, J. H. Winkler.

D. D. Dougherty read the report on Books and Periodicals.

Report adopted after being discussed by W. R. Beach.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS

The Biblical Recorder, the organ of the Baptist State Convention, is heartily endorsed as being a safe paper for our people to read.

We endorse the editor's strong stand taken on the doctrines of the Baptists.

We urge more of our people to put this paper into their homes.

D. D. Dougherty, I. G. Greer, Committee.

On motion adjourned.

The association sang Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow.

Benediction by W. A. Pennell.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUG. 29, 1923.

The congregation engaged in singing Amazing Grace. E. C. Hodges read Matt. 6: 1-10. L. A. Wilson led in prayer. L. C. Wilson led in singing A Charge to Keep I Have, and then he discussed briefly the increase of study in the Sunday school. John Norris spoke of the duty of pastors to secure the study of God's Word. E. M. Greer spoke of the carelessness of church members attending church meetings.

The association was called to order by the moderator.

The roll of messengers was called and absentees erased.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read, amended and

approved.

The Report on Temperance was read by L. C. Wilson who led in the discussion of the report. John Norris and E. J. Farthing also spoke to the report. Report adopted.

TEMPERANCE

"The observance of law and order is one of the supreme tests of a nation's strength and right to live."

"Without obedience to law there can be no civilization."

Based upon the principles set forth in these declarations, this association wishes to consider the cause of temperance.

For fifty years or more, there has been a vigorous and aggressive fight waged against the liquor business. For all these years temperance has been a *great moral issue*.

The term has ever meant much; but means more to-day. A new interpretation is placed upon it. Our fathers played with it as a harmless thing. Our eyes have been opened. We look at it from another angle. The case is made out. We are convinced of the awfulness of the liquor business. We know what it stands for—misery and woe beyond recovery.

Although the fight has been on, it seems that we have only commenced the battle. The testing time is here when every man and woman is being tried, as to where they stand.

Let every true man and woman take their place in this great conflict. You see you can't separate woman from this great question. More is she an important factor to-day in the temperance cause than ever before. A responsibility rests upon her to-day that she cannot be indifferent to. She helped to bring about that responsibility. It was largely through her untiring zeal that gave prohibition to thirty six states before the national amendment was adopted. It was much through her influence that a Congress was elected which passed the act, submitting the vote for adoption of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution; and then we had such faith in her—she had done so well—that another amendment to the Constitution was adopted and the right to vote was granted her; believing that such moral issues as the temperance question would be safe in her hands at the ballot box. May the spirit of wisdom and understanding so possess her that she may stay with her task till our country is free.

The thought that this association wishes to impress upon the public mind, is the observance of law in reference to this vital question.

Every voter takes an oath to support the Constitution and to obey the laws of the land.

Possibly there is no other article of the Constitution that is fraught with more far-reaching consequences than the Eighteenth

Amendment, and any man who purposely violates that law, or in any way encourages its violation, forfeits a solemn obligation and teaches the violation of all law, and the commission of any crime.

We would not undertake to point out all that has been accomplished under this amendment, but as an association of Baptists, we insist upon the execution of the law, as one of the means under God, in the destruction of this curse, and we pledge our loyal support to our officers in the discharge of their solemn obligation.

Resp'y.,

L. C. Wilson, E. B. Hardin.

Wm. Elrod read the report on Orphanage. Report adopted, after being discussed by Wm. Elrod, F. M. Huggins, L. C. Wilson, W.S. Farthing, W. R. Beach and Smith Hagaman.

ORPHANAGE

We have, according to the report from the Orphanage, at Thomasville and Kenedy Home, about 550 children who are dependant to a large extent, upon the Baptists of N. C. for their support.

We find that the cost for each child for the year ending May 31st was \$238.18 or \$19.85 per month. We feel that the members of the various churches, with their great wealth and abundance, should give more freely of what the Lord has blessed them with, to alleviate the wants of these orphans that have been left in our care.

More room and other improvements are needed.

We would insist that our pastors, S.S. superintendents and teachers impress upon the minds of their congregations and classes their duty toward this object of charity.

Wm. Elrod, John Norris, Com.

The report on Sunday schools was read by Roy Dotson, who discussed the same, followed by B. H. Harrill, R. C. Eggers, D. D. Dougherty and W. S. Farthing.

A supplementary report on Sunday schools by a Com. appointed by the S.S. convention was adopted as an amendment. The report on S. S. as amended, was adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Bible has much to say about teaching God's word. The Sunday school is the chief agency of the church to do this teaching. From the Bible we get our authority to do Sunday school work. Proof is abundant that God's benedictions have been upon it.

Great progress has been made in the Sunday schools during the past ten years. The membership has been enlarged some, the organization has been wonderfully improved, and the work in general has made a forward march. But while the Sunday schools have made considerable progress, and are becoming more and more efficient as an agency for good, yet we feel that if the Bible gives us authority

to do this work, and if we can advance the kingdom by working in this field, then we as Christians should spend more time, more energy and more money to advance the Sunday schools more rapidly, since they are not keeping pace with material things.

Therefore your committee recommend :

1. That every church in the association keep an organized Sunday school open twelve months in the year.
2. That a strong effort be put forth to enlist more people in the Sunday schools.
3. That you grade your school and put on the graded literature in the Beginners, Primary, Junior and Intermediate classes.
4. That all the pastors urge and assist the superintendents in maintaining a Teacher Training Class for at least part of the year.
5. That the evangelistic work of the schools be emphasized more strongly since saving the lost should be the primary object in view in all our schools.

Roy Dotson, Com.

Supplementary Report

To the members of the Three Forks Association:

The committee appointed at the Sunday School Convention wishes to make the following report:

1. The primary mission of the Sunday school is to teach the Word. The need along this line is teachers. We feel that the training of teachers is a local problem that each school must solve.

We suggest that some simple plan for Bible study be started in the schools. This plan might include the entire school membership.

2. We suggest a list of brethren and sisters who would be glad to go into any community upon the invitation of the pastor and supt. of the school, and assist in arousing interest in better schools.

3. We think that a special day occasionally would help. These brethren and sisters are at your service.

Respectfully submitted.

Committee.

W. S. Farthing, I G Greer, S C Eggers, Roy Dotson, Smith Hagaman, G P Sherrill, Wade Byers, Mrs. Smith Hagaman, J R Isaacs, D D Dougherty, Mrs. Roy Wilson, Ed Farthing, L S Pennell, W Y Perry, Mrs T P Adams, A J Greene, Mrs Hattie Johnson, Walter E Wilson, S F Horton, Taylor Watson, Clyde Greene, D J Cottrell, Chapell Wilson, A R Smith, Fred Cook, Maud Ashley, L C Wilson, Mrs J D Brown, Ed Robbins, B B Dougherty, Smith McBride, and L A Wilson.

On motion adjourned for one hour.

Salvation, O the Joyful Sound was sung.

Benediction by R. C. Eggers.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The association reassembled at the appointed hour and engaged in singing "How Firm a Foundation". B. H. Harrill led in prayer.

The association was called to order by the moderator.

The clerk read the report on Ministerial Relief. Report adopted.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

We as church members and Christians cannot shun the responsibility of support of our old wornout ministers who have so faithfully preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Many of them have given a great deal of their time to the cause without money and without price. We believe that we as Baptists have been neglectful to this great duty. Our Christian duty demands that we take care of them in their old and declining years. We believe that the desire of every true Baptist of the state is that not one of them should suffer for the necessities of life. We believe that Baptist people are waking up to the necessity of this great duty which we think is enjoined upon every member of our association. Some of them have no means of support except what little amount they receive from the churches. Now we should not only feel that it is a Christian duty, but a great Christian privilege to help an old Christian minister who has given his life to the Master's cause. Now we advise that every church in our association take a collection at least once or twice a year for this department of our Christian work.

J. H. Farthing, Alex. Hagaman, Com.

S. C. Eggers read the report on Pastoral Support.

R. C. Eggers read the report on Duties of Pastors to their Churches. S. C. Eggers led in the discussion of the reports, followed by R. C. Eggers and F. M. Huggins. Reports adopted.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

The matter of pastoral support has been discussed and rediscussed all down the ages. There are two points of discussion of supporting the preacher: The preacher is just a man as we, speaking from a human standpoint, he eats the things we eat, wears the kind of things we wear, and from the viewpoint of the Scriptures, it is up to the churches to provide these things for him that he may give himself wholly to the work of his calling. Then too from the standpoint of the Scriptures we should support the pastors, for in so doing we are helping ourselves. For as Paul says in Phillippians 4: 17: "Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account."

Then again we find that the preacher is commanded to go, with instruction to provide neither gold nor silver nor brass in purses nor scrip, neither two coats neither shoes nor yet staves, for the

workman is worthy of his hire.

And if we recognize the fact that the preacher must obey his calling, may we too recognize the fact that it is the indispensable duty of the churches to support them.

G. P. Sherrill, S. C. Eggers, Com.

DUTIES OF PASTORS TO THEIR CHURCHES

The duties of pastors to their churches as well their responsibilities seem to be greater than in any previous age.

It is the duty of the pastor to study the condition of his church or churches, and to know their Spiritual needs and then to prepare such discourses as are suitable for them.

It is his duty to preach the Word in the church and out of the church, both public and private, in the home and out of it. The pastor should lead the flock out into green pastures: this is done by rightly dividing the Word of Truth and instructing them in the various activities of the work. The pastor should visit the sick, bury the dead, visit the homes of his people, preach by example as well as precept and thus be worthy of the vocation wherewith he is called. It is also his duty to read our religious periodicals and keep himself informed as to the activities of the denomination. He should not lord it over his flock or act as a pope. It is not his duty to discourage the Mission cause as is sometimes done. The pastor should lead, but if he will not do so it would be a fine thing for him to go to the rear before his people say go there.

R. C. Eggers, L. A. Wilson.

The report on Education was read by the clerk and discussed by B. H. Harrill. Report adopted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"Christian Education is an education that centers around the Christ."

North Carolina Baptists own and control three colleges and five high schools

The state is now spending annually more than \$20,000,000 for education. Our Baptist schools and colleges recognize the importance of this work rendered by the tax supported schools and seek to supplement and not displace them.

The business of the state schools is to make citizens of the boys and girls. Our Baptist schools seek to make followers of the Christ.

"Evangelism and education should go together. Southern Baptists are the greatest evangelistic force in the world. Thus, if we are to hold the ground gained in evangelism, we must be, also, a mighty educational force."

D. D. Dougherty read the report on Time, Place and Preacher. Report amended by striking out "fourth" and inserting "second".

Report adopted as amended.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Your committee recommend that the next session of the association be held with Pleasant Grove church and to begin the first Tuesday after the second Sunday in August. Rev. Roy Dotson to preach the sermon with Rev. B. H. Harrill as alternate.

The report on Woman's Work was read by Mrs. G. P. Hagaman and discussed by L. C. Wilson and Roy Dotson and adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK

[No Report appears in the Manuscript. Only a Table.—Printer.]

G. R. Sherrill read the report on B. Y. P. U. Report adopted.

B. Y. P. U.

The past year has been very successful for the B. Y. P. U. work throughout the state. There are now 1025 Unions and a total membership of 40,138 in N. C. 7500 young people now hold B.Y.P.U. diplomas and 8009 study course awards were issued last year. There are two wholtime workers in charge, Perry Morgan and Miss Elma Farabow, and they are doing fine work. While the work is moving forward in the state, it is most unfortunate for us that there are only three Unions in our association.

There are perhaps a number of reasons for this backward state of affairs:

1. The B.Y.P.U. is new and untried in this association and we are inclined not to try a thing the first time.
2. There is a lack of information as to the nature and purpose of the Union.
3. There is a spirit of indifference among some of our pastors.
4. There is a lack of encouragement on the part of churchmembers
5. No concerted effort has been made to get the work before the people and organize new Unions.

Our deepest concern now is for the future spirituality and efficiency of our churches. If we diligently conserve and develop the possibilities wrapped up in the youth of our churches, the time will soon come when we will have a trained church membership that will completely and effectively revolutionize the same. Let us strive to conserve, harness and develop the powerful mines and resources lying dormant in the hearts and lives of our fine young people.

Geo. R. Sherrill, Com.

W. S. Farthing read the report on Nominations.

Report adopted after being diseussed by W. S. Farthing.

W. S. Farthing was added to the list of messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention.

NOMINATIONS

Your Committee on Nominations recommend the following :

Executive Committee:— G. P. Hagaman, D. C. Mast, J. R. Isaacs, I. G. Greer, W. N. Howell, with the Moderator and Clerk.

For member State Board of Missions:— A J Greene.

“ Asso. Vice Pres. Foreign Mission Board:— W Y Perry.

“ Sunday School Secretary:— Roy Dotson.

“ Delegates to Baptist State Convention:— D D Dougherty, F M Huggins, W C Wilson.

“ Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention:— L C Wilson, Smith Hagaman, Roy Dotson.

For Corresponding Messengers:

To Ashe Association: L A Wilson, D D Dougherty, Will H McGuire Levi Greene.

To Stony Fork Association: John Norris, F M Huggins, I G Greer, G W Robbins, E C Hodges and Smith Hagaman.

To Caldwell Co. Association: A J Greene, Jeff Brown, J H Farthing E D Robbins, R H Shores.

To Watauga Association: R C Eggers, Wellington Swift, W Y Perry E J Farthing.

To Mitchell Co. Association: G W Robbins, F M Huggins, W C Wilson, D C Mast.

To Avery Co. Association: R L Palmer, F D Rominger, W H Glenn W A Braswell, F T Chappell.

To Brushy Mountain Association: Levi Greene, W H Miller, E B Hardin and W A Pennell.

W. S. Farthing for the Com.

W. C. Wilson read the report on Resolutions. Report adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

We your committee on Resolutions beg to submit the following:

1. We believe one of the most alarming things that have come to the church of our Lord Jesus Christ to-day is the awful state of indifference. It is one of the hardest things, and we often think the very hardest thing to contend with in the world.

God says to the church of Laodicea, Rev. 3: 15, 16, that because of the luke warm state of the church He would spue it out of His mouth. God just will not stand for a luke warm, indifferent, unconcerned people when He has made such a desperate sacrifice and the lost world in such desperate need of a savior from such a burning hell as is described in the Bible. Since God has saved us, shall we sit on the brink and watch others perish when we could help them? No wonder He said He would spue an unconcerned people out of his mouth. The threatening God stands over us and bears not the sword

in vain. As Sampson laid his head in Delilah's lap, just so we believe the church is laying its head in the lap of the world in many instances. Sampson's hair was shorn. One way the power is being taken from the church to-day is in our placing our young people—their heads—in the laps of instructors who cut off their only source of power which is their faith in a whole Christ, a whole gospel and a whole Bible with nothing taken from and nothing added to.

We recommend much earnest, sincere prayer everywhere as the real solution. Also, that we stand against false teachings in our denominational schools and state schools without fear of any man.

2. We believe one of the great doctrines of the Bible and hence of the Baptist church is religious liberty—freedom of speech. There are too many of our loyal Brethren and Sisters that do not seem to feel at liberty in always speaking out their convictions. Some one starts something that is wrong; and because that one is in high position in the church, or for some other reason, the loyal Christian fails to stand up for their convictions. We recommend that there be more free and open discussion of all things that concerns our Lord's work in our associations, our churches and elsewhere. If need be "Cry aloud and spare not."

3. We recommend that the association extend a vote of thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for their very efficient service.

4. God commands in His word that we show hospitality towards each other. Again He says "If ye love me ye will keep my words" The Brethren and Sisters of Laurel Springs Church have shown hospitality towards all during the sitting of this association and hence have kept the command, showing forth the love of Christ in so doing. In the adoption of this report, we the Three Forks Association, do hereby express our confidence and appreciation for the above manifest spirit of the church.

W. Clay Wilson, Chairman
J. E. Farthing

The Treasurer read his report. Report adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received for Orphanage	\$ 17.34
" State B'd. of Missions	27.85
" Minute Fund	48.26
" From S. S. Convention	1.78 \$95.23

Disbursements:

To Walters Durham	\$ 27.85
" Orphanage	17.34
" Will H. McGuire Printing	40.76
Clerk of Association	7.50 \$93.46
Balance in Treasurer's hands	\$ 1.78

W. Y. Perry, Treas.

TABLE I. - STATISTICAL

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CHURCH	PASTOR	P. O.	CLERK	P. O.	Time of Preaching	Value of Ch. Property	Received by Baptism	By Letter	Restoration	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	By Death	Total Membership
Antioch	W. Swift	Reese,	N. C. Chas. Tester	Watauga Falls	3	\$1000	4	....	1	1	4	4	169
Bethel	J. H. Farthing	Sweet Water	W. S. Farthing	Sweet Water	4	600	13	2	1	1	3	3	188
Beaver Dam	W. Swift	Reese	Bert Farthing	Reese	1	300	19	1	1	1	1	1	151
Bethany	F C Watts	Parlier	H M Watson	Hackett	N. C.	4	500	4	1	1	2	3	92
Brushy Fork	L A Wilson	Zionville	L M Trivett	Vilas	2	1000		1	2	2	3	88	
Boone	F M Huggins	Boone	W R Gragg	Boone	2, 3, 4	2500	19	19	2	11	1	1	262
Blowing Rock	"	"	D W Wooten	Blowing Rock	1	3000	1	2	1	1	2	2	129
Cove Creek	B H Harrill	Sugar Grove	A D Wilson	Vilas	1, 2, 3	1000	14	4	1	1	2	1	146
Cool Springs	E C Hodges	Adams	H H Day	Blowing Rock	1	1500	4	2	4	2	2	2	125
Clarks Creek	A T Watson	Hackett	Joel Eggers	Banners Elk	2	500							40
Elk Knob	J R Trivett	Toliver	J M South	Tamarack	2	350	3	1	6	3	3	3	60
Fall Creek	John Norris	Boone	T B Gryder	Heaton	2	200	4	2					
Forest Grove	R C Eggers	Zionville	Roy Hagaman	Vilas	2	1200	25	2	5	12	1	1	160
Gap Creek	Levi Greene	Hopkins	H E Greene	Hopkins	1	1200	3		2	2			84
Howards Creek	D M Wheeler	Bamboo	W C Norris	Boone	4	500	11	7	1	1	1		113
Laurel Springs	Levi Greene	Hopkins	J B Clawson	Rutherford	2	1500		7		5	4	3	136
Meat Camp	R C Eggers	Zionville	L A Greene	Sands	3	750	8	2	2	6	1		152
Middle Fork	E C Hodges	Adams	L P Hodges	Blowing Rock	4	1800	1		2	2	1		87
Mt. Calvary	F C Watts	Parlier	J M Shoemaker	Balm			16	3	1	5	3		156
Mt. Lebanon			I A Bumgarner	Vilas	3	700	4	1	1	1			149
Mt. Gilead	R L Palmer	Beech Creek	Elmer Warren	Beech Creek	3	1500			2	8	1	3	84
Oak Grove	E C Hodges	Adams	J C Hodges	Adams	3	1800	18	7	4	2		1	80
Pleasant Grove	R C Eggers	Zionville	J H Mast	Zionville	4	1000	41	1	5	8		1	252
Profits Grove	L A Wilson	Zionville	D L Greene	Zionville	4	1000	5	7					58

Rich Mountain D M Wheeler Bamboo
 Sampson.....
 Shulls Mills.....E C Hodges Adams
 South Fork.....S C Blackburn Todd
 Stony Fork.....F C Watts Parlier
 Three Forks....."
 Timbered Ridge W Swift Reese
 Union.....L A Wilson Zionville
 Willowdale.....A J Greene Mabel
 Zionville.....R C Eggers Zionville
 Zion Hill.....G W Trivett Vilas

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J M Day Shulls Mills
 Will H McGuire Brookside
 Z V Greene Stony Fork
 A J Edmisten Boone
 W L Greene Sugar Grove
 J M Burkett Mable
 Mrs W G Hodges Vilas
 Harvey Wilson Zionville
 E F Harman Beech Creek

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Roy Dotson, the Colporteur, read his report. Report adopted.

COLPORTEUR'S REPORT

Books and cash received from Ed Robbins	\$ 57.58
Books bought	137.90
Books sold	142.80
Books on hand	37.75
Cash on hand	19.83
Roy Dotson	

Bro. Dotson was re-elected Colporteur.

The Moderator read his report on Standing Committees. Adopted

COMMITTEES 1924.

State Missions—W. S. Farthing, E. B. Hagaman.

Home Missions—Walter E. Wilson, W. F. Sherwood.

Foreign Missions—F. M. Huggins, A. J. Greene.

Education—D D Dougherty, I G Greer.

Pastoral Support—Roy Gragg, G W Gragg.

Duties of Pastors to Churches—L C Wilson, Mrs J D Brown.

Sunday Schools—R C Eggers, George Greer.

Baptist Orphanage—Alex Wilson, L A Greene.

Books and Periodicals—Roy Dotson, Lee Swift.

Resolutions—E C Hodges, W A Pennell.

State of Churches—W Y Perry, W Swift.

Temperance—J H Winkler, Wm Elrod.

Old Ministers' Relief—G W Robbins, G P Hagaman.

Woman's Work—Mrs D D Dougherty, Mrs Ella Cook.

B Y P U—Roy Dotson, Ethel Wilson.

Nominations—D C Mast, E J Farthing.

Order of Business—W Y Perry.

Lee Swift read the report of the Finance Committee. Adopted.

FINANCE

We your Com. on Finance beg leave to submit the following:

Received for Minute Fund	\$ 60.96
“ “ 75 Million, undesignated	4.75
“ “ Orphanage	3.70
“ “ Ministerial Relief	4.70
Total	\$ 74.11

J. R. Isaacs, Lee Swift, Com.

A motion prevailed that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes and allow him \$7.50 for his services.

The following resolution was offered by F. M. Huggins and adopted by the association :

With a view to improving the sessions of the association, be it re-

solved that a committee be appointed to study the association, the sessions, its needs, and problems, and to study the plans and methods of the progressive associations with a view to improving ours.

F. M. Huggins.

W. S. Farthing, A. J. Greene and L. C. Wilson were appointed as a committee on the above.

The Clerk was asked to write a synopsis of the proceedings of the association and furnish it to the Watauga Democrat for publication.

The Moderator made some closing remarks upon the subject of Missing Faces.

F. M. Huggins conducted the closing exercises by reading from Eph. 3rd chapt. 14th to 20th v. and leading in prayer.

How Firm a Foundation was sung while the messengers gave to each other the parting hand.

Benediction by E. C. Hodges.

W. Y. PERRY,
Clerk.

SMITH HAGAMAN,
Moderator.

Churches	Ordained Ministers	P. O.	State
Antioch	W. H. Glenn	Watauga Falls,	N.C.
"	G. W. Trivett	Vilas	"
Bethel	J H Farthing	Sweet Water,	"
"	L C Wilson	Zionville,	"
"	E J Farthing	Sugar Grove,	"
"	R M Farthing	"	"
Boone	F M Huggins	Boone,	"
"	A J Greene	"	"
"	Walter E Wilson	"	"
Gap Creek	Levi Greene	Hopkins,	"
Howards Creek	John Norris	Boone	"
Middle Fork	R H Shores	Blowing Rock	"
Mt Calvary	W Clay Wilson	Balm	"
Mt Gillead	R L Palmer	Beech Creek	"
Proffits Grove	L A Wilson	Zionville	"
Rich Mountain	W A Pennell	"	"
South Fork	J M Griggs	Todd,	"
Stony Fork	H H Smith	Stony Fork	"
Zionville	R C Eggers	Zionville,	"

**Table 2 =
Financial**

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building & Repairs	Ministerial Help	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minutes & Printing	Other Objects	75 Million (Undes.)	State & As Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Christian Education	Ministers' Relief	Other Benevolence	TOTAL
Antioch	44.28			9.00		1.75		45.00				18.50				63.50
Bethel	100.00		79.00	30.01		2.50	77.87	364.42				59.60				713.40
Beaver Dam	104.93		61.60	25.00		1.50		57.11	6.50	13.47	60.85	87.89	7.57		47.42	473.89
Bethany	124.93			7.33		1.00				4.00	4.00	7.75				150.01
Brushy Fork	128.85	2.00	40.00	11.00		1.85	15.00		5.80	6.25	6.25	48.01		6.06	1.00	272.07
Boone	975.00	586.74		153.87	11.88	64.32	333.50	1064.18	200.00	28.00	33.00	364.54	14.70	5.15	96.47	4123.41
Blowing Rock	325.00	4000.00		57.39		3.00		126.00	30.00	15.00	20.00	55.00	9.50		10.00	4650.89
Cove Creek	150.00	5000.00		39.88		4.15	110.50	189.45	4.65	1.10		140.11				5636.69
Cool Springs	113.59		7.50	9.50		1.50						27.41				159.50
Clarks Creek	32.25			3.00		.95						3.70				39.20
Elk Knob	37.35			8.00		50										45.85
Fall Creek	75.00		25.00	3.17		50		4.75								108.42
Forest Grove	129.96	65.43	78.90	68.97	22.82	1.80		141.12				96.79			19.07	624.86
Gap Creek	70.30		30.00	5.01		2.61										112.93
Howards Creek	70.10	7.00		9.00		1.70	40.00									136.00
Laurel Springs	219.55		30.23			2.82	16.76	54.47				19.73				362.05
Meat Camp	132.02		54.16	17.40		2.10	36.75		4.70	5.02	39.50	16.27		5.18	7.50	256.08
Middle Fork	117.50			8.20		1.65	22.63					51.57			3.78	245.85
Mt. Calvary	277.05	128.65		8.28		2.00	9.74	116.95				13.28				554.95
Mt. Lebanon	86.85		27.70	15.00								25.13		4.70		159.38
Mt. Gillead	27.02			25.00		1.25										53.27
Oak Grove	57.75	50.00		8.04	20.00	55	20.50					1.55				157.69
Pleasant Grove	107.25		67.00	39.70		3.00	114.48	16.54				90.04		4.77		488.23
Profits Grove	58.00	156.00	30.00	20.09	7.45	1.50	3.90					10.28				297.22

Rich Mountain..	60.00	6.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	24.35	2.00	96.35
Sampson.....								
Shulls Mills.....	114 25	27 50	3.40	90	18 52	17.63		162 20
South Fork.....	301 87	45 34		3 32			41 88	630 78
Stony Fork.....	109 75	15 60	1 80	2 39	13 18	10.40	8 00	176 27
Three Forks.....	111 50	40 00	5 00	1 25	50 00	16 64	65 00	290 39
Timbered Ridge	58 80	12 00		1 50		31 95		72 30
Union.....	114 21	60 23	75.00	21 18	2 15	3.80	4 29	325 32
Willowdale.....	71 00	36 31	20 10	1 65		1 36		172 18
Zionville.....	112 10	57 79	50 00	6 50	3 00	4 00	8 52	212 41
Zion Hill.....	22 25	15 00	10 00		60	56 60	5 90	101 45

ROLL OF MESSENGERS

- Antioch— E. M. Greer.
 Bethel— J E Farthing, W S Farthing.
 Beaver Dam— Geo R Sherrill, Lee Swift.
 Bethany— Letter, no messengers.
 Brushy Fork— Jesse Brown, G H Hayes.
 Boone— D D Dougherty, G W Gragg, Smith Hagaman.
 Blowing Rock— J D Brown.
 Cove Creek— A D Wilson, W Y Perry.
 Cool Springs— C M Shores, W C Payne, W L Austin.
 Clarks Creek— Charles Lawrance.
 Elk Knob— Letter, no messengers.
 Fall Creek— M W Storie.
 Forest Grove— Roy Dotson.
 Gap Creek— John Vannoy, Lee Miller, W E Church.
 Howards Creek— Lloyd Cottrell, Ira Brown, Asa Watson.
 Laurel Springs— Alex Ray, Lee Greene.
 Middle Fork— L P Hodges, G F Edmisten.
 Meat Camp— Manley McBride, L A Greene.
 Mt Calvary— J M Shoemaker, Geo Whitehead.
 Mt Lebanon— Letter, no messengers.
 Mt Gilead— Letter, no messengers.
 Oak Grove— L C Gross, W M Hodges.
 Pleasant Grove— N T Byers.
 Proffits Grove— S S Norris, J A Winebarger.
 Rich Mountain— Letter, no messenger.
 Shulls Mills— L E Day, Will Eggers.
 South Fork— Will H McGuire, Ralph G Greer.
 Stony Fork— A J Wellborn, D L Wellborn, Z V Greene.
 Three Forks— J C Brookshire, A J Edmisten.
 Timbered Ridge— E B Hagaman.
 Union— Henry Norris, J R Isaacs.
 Willowdale— Floyd Ward.
 Zionville— Manley Greene, Harvey Wilson.
 Zion Hill— Letter, no messengers.

OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION

Smith Hagaman, Moderator,	-	-	Boone, N. C.
W. Y. Perry, Clerk-Treasurer,	-	-	Vilas, N. C.
Roy Dotson, Colporteur,	-	-	Vilas, N. C.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

The outstanding features of the Woman's Missionary Union are prayer, Bible and Mission study, and personal service.

God has been with us during the past year. We recognize His Divine Leadership in all things pertaining to the Union. We the women of the Three Forks association are a united body, organized and powerful. We are united thro' Prayer. "Prayer is God's foremost means of getting things done in His kingdom — His chief instrument for promoting any and every undertaking" — God has conditioned the progress and fruitfulness of His Kingdom upon the faithfulness and loyalty of His people in prayer. Prayer is the key to the success of any Woman's Missionary society—its first need, its constant need, its indispensable need.

We therefore recommend to each and every society a deepening of the prayer life as a preparation for the study of Missions.

The Woman's Missionary Societies will never be what they might be till we have Mission Study classes, till we make an intelligent study of our mission fields. One of the purposes of our Union is "that missionary information might be disseminated among women and children." We recommend further that our individual societies bear in mind this purpose during the coming year. It is through mission study that one realizes the value of prayer for special objects. Mission study makes one glad to give to missions, and thus the financial burden is lightened.

Respectfully submitted.

Mrs. G. P. Hagaman, Mrs. I. G. Greer.

W. M. U.

The Tenth Annual Session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Association convened with the Cove Creek Society on Saturday Oct. 27th, the Superintendent, Mrs. D. F. Horton presiding. The opening song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," was followed by a prayer by Rev. F. M. Huggins. Mrs. Gordon Hodges read the 5th chapter of Matthew emphasizing the command to the disciples to "go to the lost Sheep of the house of Israel" Mrs. F. A. Bower of Morganton offered a prayer for the leaders in the State organization and for the missionaries on the foreign fields. This was appropriately followed by the song "Let the Lower Lights be Burning."

When the Superintendent called the roll of Societies, the delegates responded as follows: Bethel 2, Beaver Dam 3, Boone 4, Blowing Rock 2, Cove Creek 8, Silverstone 1.

Mrs. Jim Mast of Cove Creek Society most cordially welcomed the

TABLE III. - SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	SUPT.	P. O.	SEC'Y	No. of Schools	Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Orphanage & Missions	Total Contributions
Antioch	J. L. Glenn	Sugar Grove	Luther Ward	Watauga Falls	1	12	89	101	9.00	.....	9.00
Bethel	E J Farthing	Sweet Water	Mrs R P Guy	Sweet Water	1	8	108	116	24.34	.....	24.34
Beaver Dam	J R Wilson	Reese	Lena Wilson	Reese	1	9	76	85	25.00	52.00	77.00
Bethany	L M Farthing	Hackett	H M Watson	Hackett	1	7	39	46	11.00	40	11.33
Brushy Fork	J H Hayes	Vilas	Ethel Adams	Vilas	1	6	64	70	158.87	2.00	13.00
Boone	W R Gragg	Boone	Nellie Coffey	Boone	1	13	412	425	57.39	111.09	269.96
Blowing Rock	J H Winkler	Blowing Rock	Agnes Knight	Blowing Rock	1	10	52	62	39.88	57.53	114.92
Cove Creek	J J Glenn	Vilas	Thelma Perry	Vilas	1	11	102	113	9.50	99.83	139.71
Cool Springs	C M Shores	Blowing Rock	Hattie Wilson	Shulls Mills	1	5	34	40	8.00	27.41	36.91
Clarks Creek	G W Byrd	Banner Elk	Dare Lawrence	Banner Elk	1	6	77	83	3.17	.70	.70
Elk Knob	R R Eggers	Tamarack	Ray Ellison	Tamarack	1	6	26	31	68.97	81.98	150.95
Fall Creek	M W Storie	Heaton	W E Cook	Heaton	1	5	59	64	5.01	9.00	9.00
Forest Grove	Roy Haganan	Vilas	Chas Johnson	Reese	1	11	130	141	18.45	14.33	32.82
Gap Creek	H E Greene	Hopkins	G E Luther	Hopkins	1	5	59	64	17.40	24.09	32.29
Howards Creek	L W Barnes	Sands	Zora Norris	Boone	1	5	90	95	8.28	8.13	23.13
Laurel Springs	Arthur Greene	Brownwood	Bynum Clawson	Rutherford	1	8	103	111	8.04	1.55	9.59
Meat Camp	M C Brown	Sands	W M McGuire	Sands	1	7	63	70	30.70	20.09	20.09
Middle Fork	G F Edmisten	Blowing Rock	Vina Hodges	Blowing Rock	1	4	38	42	8.28	8.13	23.13
Mt. Calvary	Clyde Greene	Balm	Thelma Mikeal	Balm	1	6	65	71	8.04	1.55	9.59
Mt. Lebanon	D S Love	Vilas	Mrs B A Hodges	Vilas	1	7	40	47	30.70	20.09	20.09
Mt. Gilead	R T Palmer	Beech Creek	Velma Warren	Beech Creek	1	8	66	74	8.04	1.55	9.59
Oak Grove	J C Hodges	Adams	L C Gross	Adams	1	6	89	95	30.70	20.09	20.09
Pleasant Grove	A S Culler	Zionville	Annie Adams	Zionville	1	9	119	128	8.04	1.55	9.59
Profits Grove	J A Winebarger	Meat Camp	Mrs B Proffit	Meat Camp	1	6	86	95	30.70	20.09	20.09

Rich Mountain.....	W A Pennell	Zionville	A B Greene	Zionville	1	5	30	35	6.00	6.00
Sampson.....										
Shulls Mills.....	L E Day	Shulls Mills	J M Day	Shulls Mills	1	5	80	85	27.50	27.50
South Fork.....	I E Duncan	Todd	E R Mikeal	Todd	1	6	95	101	45.84	51.85
Stony Fork.....	R L Wagner	Stony Fork	Zellah Wagner	Stony Fork	1	6	60	66	15.60	23.80
Three Forks.....	A J Edmisten	Boone	Lottie Edmisten	Boone	1	6	39	45	15.10	15.10
Timbered Ridge.....	E B Hagaman	Beech Creek	Laura McGuire	Sugar Grove	1	6	62	68		
Union.....	J F Oliver	Mabel	Sallie Warren	Mabel	1	8	82	90	15	21.18
Willowdale.....	J H Brinkley	Vilas	Edith Brinkley	Vilas	1	9	85	94	20.10	22.89
Zionville.....	G C Greer	Zionville	Blanche Castle	Zionville	1	8	132	140	4	24.50
Zion Hill.....	H A Hagaman	Beech Creek	J W Harnan	Watauga Falls	1	8	51	59	56.60	62.50

visiting delegates.

The Superintendent then read a letter from Mrs. P. W. Hamlett, missionary from China, stating that on account of Mr. Hamlett's illness, she would be unable to fill her appointment. Just at this time Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Bower were welcomed as visitors to the Union.

The report on Home Missions was read by Mrs. Lee Swift. This report was a strong appeal to the churches to be loyal in every phase of Christian work. The evangelistic side of the work was reported as thriving, and much good was attributed to the meetings held in all sections during the year.

In the Supt's. report, Mrs. Horton reviewed the year's work, lamenting the death of two of our best members this year, Mrs. Lizzie Hagaman and Mrs. Pearl Wilson.

Mrs. Horton gave a summary of the work of the Union since its organization in 1913 under the leadership of Miss Rose Edna Brown. At that time there were only three societies and one Sunbeam Band. The contributions to all objects that year amounted to \$188.61 as contrasted with a total contribution this year of \$757.32. During the ten years \$4,238.75 has been contributed by the Union. A chart was then presented showing the standing of the Societies with reference to the Standard of Excellence. Only one society, Boone, had reached all points.

Mrs. D. D. Dougherty sent in a report expressing the deep feeling of the loss the Union had sustained in the death of Mrs. Lizzie Hagaman. Mrs. Hattie Johnson paid tribute to the memory of Mrs. Pearl Wilson, voicing the grief of the entire membership of her society. The memorial service to these loved ones was concluded by a duet, "Sometime we'll understand", beautifully rendered by Rev. and Mrs. Bower.

Rev. F. A. Bower then delivered an inspirational address based on the text "When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it." While expressing the belief that the success of the 75 Million Campaign had been largely due to the influence of the women, he stated the conviction that the call is upon us to finish our task, applying the text just mentioned to the unpaid pledges of the 75 Million Campaign.

Following this address a hymn was sung after which the morning session was dismissed by Rev. Huggins.

The afternoon devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Epsie Moretz of Boone. A chain of prayer was engaged in, many of the women taking part.

Mrs. J. D. Brown of Blowing Rock was called upon for a report on Mission Study. She reported 9 letters written and only one answer

received. She urged that all societies report to her the work done in Mission Study.

Mrs. Len Cook read articles on our Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem, giving the principles upon which the hospital is based.

Mrs. J. G. Walker of Vilas read the report on the Thomasville Orphanage. Her report emphasized the work Supt. Kesler had done toward enabling mothers to care for their children at home through mothers aid.

Mr. Huggins appealed to the Union to put forth every effort to raise the campaign pledges, and further urged a realization of the need of enlarging efforts on the mission field instead of curbing them as will have to be done unless pledges are met.

The report of the Boone Sunbeam Band was read by Mrs. Moretz. Mrs. Bower recommended the circle plan, explained in the organization and gave some of the benefits realized from its use.

Mrs. Enoch Swift, the personal service chairman, gave an enthusiastic report on her department of the work. All societies were urged to report work done along this line to the personal service chairman.

Some problems of society work were discussed by Mrs. T. H. Coffey of Blowing Rock, Mrs. G. P. Hagaman of Boone, Mrs. Enoch Swift of Cove Creek and Mrs. F. A. Bower of Morganton.

The motion was made and carried that the old officers be retained for another year. A collection was then taken for associational expenses. It was unanimously voted to hold next year's meeting with the Blowing Rock Society at some date in September to be decided upon by the Executive Committee.

The Union adjourned until that time.

Mrs. I. G. Greer, Sec.

Annual Report of the Woman's Missionary Union

Again we come to the close of another year— this being the tenth year of the Union— and as we review the past and note the progress made, we are very grateful, yet we are not satisfied with the results for there are yet so many of our churches whose women are not organized in a Women's Missionary Society, and too, so many women in the churches where we have societies who have not caught the spirit of the Union and lined up in an organized way for Christian service.

But while we have had some discouragements along the way there has been many things to strengthen and encourage us.

Through the years gone by the way has been marked by the loving fellowship and loyal co-operation of the women and the ties of Christian friendship have been knit together until we as members of the Union can more fully realize the force of that passage of Scripture

which is the Union's watchword, "Laborers together with God."

If we are truly laborers together with God, then we are building on a sure foundation. Let us pray that God's will may be accomplished and that He will give us faith to believe that our feeble lives are a part of His great plan, and that He can use us to help build the Kingdom of God in the lives of those with whom we come in contact and that the prayers and gifts of the Christian women of our Union may go up as a memorial before God and in the coming year may we as did Cornelius, be willing to listen to His voice and follow His lead.

Several times since the organization of our Union, has our hearts been made sad as the angel of death invaded our ranks and taken our co-workers one by one, to answer the roll call of the great Master Builder

The first to go was Sister Bessie Johnson who died Apr. 11, 1917, and in 1918 Sister Richard Gragg, in 1919 Sisters Mollie Bradley, Bessie D. Wilson and Sister Calvin Cottrell. In 1921 Sisters Blanche Hagaman and Jane Swift, and again recently, our ranks have been broken and our hearts are heavy because of the home going of two of our sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Hagaman and Mrs. Pearl Wilson.

In the passing of Sister Hagaman our Union has sustained a great loss. Her life's work was actuated by love, service and sacrifice. Truly a mother in Israel has fallen. We thank God for her life, and pray that her mantle may fall upon the children and grand children.

In the midst of life with all that it promised, Sister Pearl Wilson was called home. The message came as a great shock to the entire community. We mourn her death. Few people have touched life with such charm of personality, calm dignity and affectionate friendliness as did Pearl. She endeared herself to the heart of every one and gave herself in unmeasured devotion to her husband and children.

Looking at it from a human standpoint, so useful and beloved a woman can ill be spared from her home and community, yet, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord."

To all who are bereaved by the death of these, our sisters, we extend our tenderest sympathies. May God's grace brood over them in this time of sorrow, and may they with us labor to close up the ranks now bereft of the service of the dear ones gone.

Looking back over the ten years since our united service began, who of you would for any price, erase from your memory the mutual affection and loyal co-operation of these our sainted sisters? No, but rather let us rejoice and offer thanks for the years of our loving association, and may we be encouraged to try to give our best in service to Him, realizing that we too must soon follow, and trusting that

the seed sown may develop into a greater and stronger union.

In 1913 our Union began its work with 3 W. M. S. and one Sunbeams Band with Miss Rosedna Brown Vice Pres. and the first public meeting of the union was held in the spring of 1914 in the old Baptist church at Boone in a jubilate celebration of the Judson Centennial, a large crowd being present and a beautiful spirit manifested throughout the entire session.

In Aug. following, the annual session of the Union was held at the time of the association at Meat Camp, but the following year our president having resigned because of her marriage, we were as sheep without a shepherd and did not render a program at the time of the association at Zionville, but a few of the members met in the open and reorganized for the coming year, deciding that the Union should meet at a separate time and place from the association for their annual meeting, and Cove Creek invited the Union to hold its first session with them. Our gifts that year amounted to \$188.61. Ten years have past and each year has brought sorrows and joys. Our gifts this year is \$757.32, and in the ten years we have given \$4228.75. A glance at the W.M.U. chart will show the record of the years work, the gold stars answering yes to the Standard of Excellence questions and also our 75 M. pledge and what we have paid on it to date.

Mrs. D. F. Horton, Supt.

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TABLE IV.- W. M. U.

CHURCH	NAME	PRESIDENT	P. O.	No. Members	75 Million un-	Other Benevolences	TOTAL
Bethel	W. M. U.	Mrs. A. C. Trivett,	Sweet Water,	N.C. 15	116.24	15.65	131.89
Beaver Dam	"	Rachel Wilson,	Reese,	" 10	57.11		57.11
Boone	"	Mrs D D Dougherty,	Boone,	" 35	265.48	38.83	304.31
Cove Creek	"	Mrs D F Horton,	Vilas,	"	33.89	30.90	64.74
Forest Grove	"	Miss Hattie Roark,	"	" 18	28.97		28.97
Blowing R.	"	Mrs J H Miller,	Blowing Rock,	" 12			

TABLE V.- B. Y. P. U.

CHURCH	NAME	PRESIDENT	P. O.	No. Unions	No. Members	No in study	No. Bible Readers	Total Contributions
Bethel	B. Y. P. U.	C. J. Farthing	Sweet Water,	N.C.				
Boone	"	Ruth Cottrell	Boone,	" 1	58	9	25	.....
"	"	Archie Qualls	"	" 3	48	10	5	
"	"	Johnie Hodges	"	"	19	7	5	
Pleasant Grove	"	Nettie Greer	Zionville	"	24			
Timbered Ridge	"	John Ward	Peoria,	" 1	50	6	5	
Stony Fork	"	Z V Greene	Stony Fork	" 1	22	9		
Blowing Rock	"	Mrs T H Coffey	Blowing Rock	" 1	14	8	6	
				No. Mem- bers	24			
Boone	Sunbeam	Vivian Cook	Boone	"				
Forest Grove	"	Hattie Roark	Vilas	" 21	7.64			7.64
Blowing Rock	"	Mrs J D Brown	Blowing Rock	" 28	2.33			2.33

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

THE Sunday School Convention of the Three Forks Association met July 28 and 29, 1923, with Zionville Church.

1. Singing led by J. R. Isaacs.
2. Devotional by Pastor R. C. Eggers.
3. On motion elected I. G. Greer Chairman.
4. On motion elected A. J. Greene Secretary.
5. On motion agreed to ask the Association to publish our minutes with the associational minutes.
6. Roll call of churches and delegates recognized. Some fine reports were made relative to the work. Several schools have had some splendid programs during the year.

7. Singing by the choir.
8. Sermon by Walter E. Wilson, of Mitchell County.
Lesson, Psalm 8. Text, Matt. 24: 3. Subject: Signs.
1. How the Lord expects us to use Signs.
2. It is possible for Christians to know the time of His coming.
3. Some New Testament Signs.
1. Noah and Lot sign. 2. Falling away sign. 3. Demon sign.
4. Silly woman sign. 5. Grievous sign. 6. False teachers sign.
7. Rich man's sign. 8. Preaching of the gospel sign. 9. Fig tree sign. Song by choir.

Benediction: B. H. Harrell.

NOON

1. Singing by choir.
2. Devotional: L. A. Wilson.
3. The first question on the program is, "Building up the Country Sunday School."

Roy Dotson gives a review of Mr. Middleton's book on the Country Sunday school.

- R. M. Farthing discusses the "High Calling of the Teacher."
- W. S. Farthing presents the "Teacher as Leader and Learner":
- 1, Personality. 2, Know something. 3, Leader of social life.
- Dean Swift brings the topic, "Magnifying the Sunday school."
4. Question box is opened. Many helpful and inspiring talks are made in regard to our work.
5. Benediction: Walter E. Wilson.

Saturday Evening

1. Singing by choir.
2. Devotional: W. S. Farthing.
3. Roll call and new messengers recognized.
4. "Plan of conducting a Sunday school where different denomi-

nations are represented" is discussed.

D. D. Dougherty speaks as follows:

1, Personal relation to the Baptists. 2, Willing to work with other denominations.

Smith Hagaman continues the discussion.

1, A man must have convictions. 2, A man must believe in denominationalism. 3, A man must hold some basic principle. 4, Would go to another Sunday school. 5, Would welcome others into our schools. 6, Value of community life.

5. The question, "What definite things can be done to improve the teaching in our Sunday schools?" is taken up.

A. J. Greene speaks as follows:

1, Definite class. 2, Definite place. 3, Definite lesson. 4, Definite application. 5, Definite teacher. 6, Definite training.

Remarks: R M Farthing, Roy Dotson, L A Wilson, W E Wilson.

6. Benediction by R. M. Farthing.

Sunday Morning

1. Singing by choir.

2. Devotional: A. J. Greene.

3. Study of Lesson in classes.

4. Application: E. M. Highsmith, Meredith College.

5. On motion extended a vote of thanks for the address.

6. Offering.

7. Sermon: B. H. Harrill, Pastor of Cove Creek Church.

Lesson, Luke 8: 19-56. Text, Matt. 9: 21.

Subject: The Touch of Jesus.

1, The compassion of Jesus. 2, He has the power to heal. 3, We can help or hinder others from touching the Master. 4. We ought to touch Him for His obedience. For His work. For His suffering.

Afternoon

1. A conference of Sunday school workers met and discussed ways to better our schools. A committee, composed of D. D. Dougherty, I. G. Greer, A. J. Greene and L. A. Wilson, was appointed to study conditions and report at some future time.

2. Singing and devotional: W. Swift.

3. "Would it be wise to displace our Literature now in use for the Graded Lessons?" is taken up.

Roy Dotson reports from experience that it is better for Primary classes. It is better suited to the capacity of the pupils.

Remarks: W Y Perry, R C Eggers, B H Harrill.

4. "Are our Sunday schools keeping pace with the general progress of other things?" is discussed by N. T. Byers and Smith Haga-

man. The evidence presented shows that they are not.

5. On motion appointed W. Y. Perry, B. H. Harrill and Stella McCartney Hagaman a committee on place and program.

6. On motion extended a vote of thanks to the people of Zionville for their hospitality and to the choir for the singing.

7. On motion read and adopted minutes.

8. On motion directed that the offering be used to pay for programs and the printing of the minutes.

9. By request of the Chairman, C. S. Blackburn conducted the closing. After a few remarks he suggested that we close with singing and giving each other the right hand. Dismissed by prayer.

Good fellowship and spiritual enthusiasm seem to be a marked feature throughout the meeting.

A. J. GEENE,
Secretary.

I. G. GREER,
Chairman.

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The next annual session to be held at Three Forks Church, 3 miles east of Boone, to begin the first Tuesday after the the second Sunday in August, 1924
Rev. F. M. Huggins to preach the Introductory Sermon,
E. J. Farthing alternate.

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BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

1 The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the association, who on producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, the ministers being members ex-officio.

2 In the letters from the different churches is to be expressed their members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since last association.

3 The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any special power over the churches. They shall not infringe any internal right of any church in the union.

4 The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen annually by the suffrage of the members present

5 New churches, or any regular Baptist church of Christ being legally dismissed by letter by any sister association, upon application by letter and delegates, shall be admitted into our union.

6 Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the association.

7 Every query presented by any member in the association shall be once read, and before it is debated, the moderator shall put it to vote, and if there shall be a majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be debated, but if there shall be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

8 Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

9 The association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of their proceedings. The best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the direction of the future associations.

10 We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an associational fund for defraying the expense of the same. For the

raising and supporting of which we think it to be the duty of each church in the union to contribute annually such sums as they shall think proper and send it by their delegates to the association. The money thus raised shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer, appointed by the association, who shall be accountable for the same. He shall pay the money out from time to time as the association may direct.

11 There shall be an association book kept wherein the proceedings of the association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary, appointed by the association, who shall receive a compensation yearly for his services.

12 The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected (if needs be) and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association rises.

13 Amendments to the plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the association when they deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

14 The association shall have power:

To provide for the general union of the churches

To endeavor to preserve a chain of union amongst the churches.

To give the churches the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the association.

To appropriate the money contributed by the churches for an associational fund to any purpose they may think proper.

Shall have power to withdraw from any church in their union who shall violate the rules of this association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion.

To correspond with sister associations.

To invite any Baptist brethren in the ministry to a seat in the association, who may be present at the time of their sitting.

To adjourn the association to any future time and place they may think proper and most convenient to the churches in the union.

Rules of Decorum

1 The association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2 Only one person shall speak at a time who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the moderator, till he is done speaking.

3 He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before him so as to make remarks on his steps failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as he can

so as to give his views or ideas

4 No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.

5 No person shall rise and speak more than three times to any one subject without liberty from the association.

6 No member shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same or whispering in the time of public speaking.

7 No member shall address another in any other appellation than that of brother.

8 The moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the rules of this decorum.

9 The names of the several members of the association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as required by the asso.

10 The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other members, provided the chair be filled. He shall not vote unless the association be equally divided.

Ordained Ministers

W. H. Glenn,	Watauga Falls,	N.C.
L. C. Wilson,	Boone	"
E J Farthing	Sugar Grove	"
R M Farthing	Breda, Alberta,	Canada
J A Davis	Reese	N.C.
F M Huggins	Boone	"
Walter E Wilson	Boone	"
Ed Robbins	Blowing Rock	"
W Swift	Reese	"
Roy Dotson	Vilas	"
John Norris	Boone	"
R H Shores	Blowing Rock	"
W Clay Wilson	Balm	"
W A Braswell	Montezuma	"
R L Palmer	Beech Creek	"
E C Hodges	Adams	"
L A Wilson	Zionville	"
W A Pennel	"	"
J M Griggs	Todd	"
H H Smith	Stony Fork	"
Levi Greene	Boone	"
A J Greene	Vilas	"
G W Trivett	"	"
R C Eggers	"	"

LICENSED MINISTERS

A. T. Watson, Rominger, N.C. E. F. Harman, Beech Creek, N.C.

Officers of Association

Smith Hagaman, Moderator,	Boone,	N. C.
W. Y. Perry, Clerk-Treasurer,	Vilas,	"
Roy Dotson, Colporteur,	"	"
A. J. Greene, Historian,	"	"

Committees for 1925.

State Missions: F. M. Huggins, J. H. Winkler.
 Home Missions: W S Farthing, E J Farthing.
 Foreign Missions: A J Greene, George Trivrtt.
 Christian Education: I G Greer, Walter E Wilson.
 Pastoral Support: J R Isaacs, N T Byers.
 Duty of Pastors to Churches: G P Sherrill, Lee Swift.
 Sunday Schools: Alex Wilson, M J Williams.
 Baptist Orphanage: Roy Dotson, G P Hagaman.
 Books and Periodicals: D D Dougherty, Roy Gragg.
 Resolutions: Sherman Wellborn, W T Vandyke.
 State of Churches: L C Wilson, F M Huggins.
 Temperance: Dean Swift, D C Mast.
 Old Ministers' Relief: R C Eggers, E J Norris.
 Woman's Work: Mrs I G Greer, Mrs T H Coffey.
 B. Y. P. U.: Paul Tugman, Herman Wilcox.
 Nominations: G W Robbins, W N Howell.
 Baptist Hospital: Mrs G P Hagaman, Mrs D D Dougherty.
 Order of Business: W Y Perry, A J Greene.

Summary of Statistics,

Comparing year 1923 with 1924.

Years	1923	1924
Total Membership,	4,039	4,211
Baptisms,	244	217
Denominational Contributions,	\$ 5,374	\$ 3,449
Home Expenses,	\$16,857.13	\$17,203.54
Building Expenses,	\$10,322.42	\$ 9,469.63
Home Expense, less Building Fund,	\$ 6,528.71	\$ 7,733.91

PROCEEDINGS

R. F. D. Zionville, N. C.,

August 12, 1924.

The Three Forks Baptist Association met this day in the house of worship of Pleasant Grove Church in its 84th annual session.

The choir of pleasant Grove rendered several selections of song.

Rev. Roy Dotson read a Scripture lesson from 11 chapt. of John.

G. P. Sherrill led in prayer, especially invoking the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the business of this session.

After a song, Roy Dotson, the the appointee to preach the annual sermon, announced as his text John 11: 28: The Master is come and calleth for thee.

1 a. He is come in nature. b. In his word. c. In his son. d. In the Holy Spirit.

2 a. He calls us to repentance. b. He calls us to service. c. He calls us to judgement.

After the sermon Walter E. Wilson led in prayer.

There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood was sung.

The church letters were called for. On motion the letters were referred to the clerk.

On motion of W. S. Farthing, L. C. Wilson cast the ballot of this association for the present officers— Smith Hagaman Moderator and W. Y. Perry, Clerk

The Order of Business was read by the clerk. Report adopted.

On motion invited visitors and correspondents to seats.

The following reported: D. M. Wheeler from Stony Fork Association; H. H. Crisp from Caldwell Co. Association, and Charles E. Maddry, Cor. Sec. of Baptist State Convention.

The following Committees were appointed:

Finance: W. R. Johnson, Sherman Wellborn.

Time, Place and Preacher: D. D. Dougherty, J. A. Edmisten.

Obituaries: W. S. Farthing and G. P. Sherrill.

The Order of Business was amended so as to make Missions the special order for the afternoon.

Roy Dotson read the report on Books and Periodicals.

Report adopted after being discussed by Dean Swift, F. M. Hugins, Dr. Maddry and Uriah Farthing.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS

Reading has much to do with one's thinking. Thinking determines largely the actions and actions produce character. Therefore, our reading material should be selected with great care. In the selection of literature for the home, the development of all sides of the individual should be kept in mind; the industrial, social, political and religious. None of these should be neglected if we are looking for-

ward to an intelligent citizenship and to a well developed allrounded church membership. The activities of the church will depend very much on the individual member. But as the strength of an army lies largely in its leadership, so the larger work of the kingdom, likewise depends very much on the dnowledge and wisdom of its leadership.

The reading of the denominational paper is a thing sadly neglected in this association, and we believe the pastors have the key to this situation. Therefore, we recommend that the pastors read and encourage their churches to read the following papers :

The Biblical Recorder for information about every activity of the Baptists of our state.

The Home and Foreign Fields for information about our Home and Foreign Mission work.

Charity and Children, to keep us in touch with our benevolent work, and for the children of the homes, we heartily recommend Kind Words, Boys' Weekly, Girls' Weekly, and Child's Gem, all of the last named may be had from the Baptist Sunday School Board.

More good books should be read by our people. The Bible should have first place, then each pastor should be able to suggest books to meet the needs of his people.

Lee Swift, Roy Dotson.

Adjourned for one hour.

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow was sung.

Benediction by R. C. Eggers.

TUESDAY P. M.

The association sang Glory to His Name. Prayer was offered by Geo. Roten leading.

W. S. Farthing read the report on State Missions.

The report on Home Missions was read by Walter E. Wilson.

Foreign Missions report was read by F. M. Huggins.

The reports were discussed by Charles E. Maddry.

STATE MISSIONS

The State Mission Board in its last annual report, gives us a very gratifying description of State Missionary achievements for the year 1923.

The Board gave assistance that year to 188 men as Missionary Pastors at a total cost of \$58,696.52. Their labors and accomplishments for the year are summed up in the following statement:

Churches served	330	Sermons delivered	14,728
Churches organized	88	Other addresses	4,493
Churches built	12	Churches repaired	97
Professed conversions	4,127	Baptisms	3,044
By Letter, Restoration &c.	2,574	Sub. to Biblical Recorder	533
Sub. to Charity & Children	717		

Paid for Church building and repairs,	\$243,530.67
Pastors' Salaries,	109,887.70
Seventy-five Million Campaign,	47,957.70
State Missions,	2,918.64
Home Missions,	1,207.85
Education,	1,048.21
Ministers' Relief,	472.52
Orphanage,	14,701.26
All other objects,	53,888.55

Total raised for all Objects by 188 Missionaries, \$475,613.10

The State Board of Missions was established about 94 years ago. There were only about 15,000 Baptists of all races in N. C. at that time. Now there are nearly if not quite 340,000 white Baptists alone in the State.

Churches were planted in territory which had hitherto been destitute of Baptist preaching. Many of the most efficient churches in N. C. were constituted and fostered by State Missions.

While much has been done for our people for which we are grateful to God and rejoice, yet there is about one-half of our population who are not even nominal Christians. These should be evangelized because of what it will be worth to them, because of what it will make them worth to the State and because they are needed in the work of the Kingdom.

We need the co-operation of all our people in the work of State Missions. Our Ministers should preach Missions, our singers should sing missions and every Christian should talk for missions, should pray for missions and should pay to missions, for as long as children are born in the world in a state of sin and needing to be clothed in the righteousness of Christ, Christian Missions will be needful. Respectfully,

W. S. Farthing, E. B. Hagaman, Com.

HOME MISSIONS

The purpose of a report should be to give information to the people. With this desire in mind the following is submitted. The Home Mission Board has a more varied task than is generally known.

The co-operative mission work is its outstanding feature. By this is meant the combination of forces and resources of Southern Baptists with those of the states that are not able to care for the mission work in their own borders. The Evangelistic department sends out a force of Gospel preachers and singers to hold meetings in both towns and country-sides. Through these workers thousands are brought to Jesus. Through its Country Church Survey the Board seek information that will enable it to render country churches the most

efficient help. The foreign problem is becoming more acute year by year, but the Home Board is making faithful effort to meet foreigners at the ports and give them the Gospel and a helping hand. The Negro population is rapidly increasing and along therewith the Board is increasing its efforts to be a blessing to them. The Indian situation is also becoming more important and the need that we address ourselves to this situation with more dilligence is imperative. The Mountain School work still holds a large place in the Board's plans, as the efficiency and worthwhileness of of the work increases. The work in Cuba and Panama is encouraging and constantly demonstrates the wisdom of the efforts made in these places. The Home Board is doing a very worthy and Christlike work among the soldiers sailors and marines of the late world war. Through its Church Extension Department the Board is aiding needy congregations to build houses of worship. After many years of delay the Home Board is now giving thought and effort to maintaining a splendid hospital at El Paso, Texas.

This is merely a mention of the phases of the work the Board is doing. Each phase is promising and hopeful.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Southern Baptists are under the imperative and inescapable obligation to give the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. "Ask of me and I will give thee the heathen for thy inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." Ps. 2: 8. Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Matt. 28: 19, 20. "Ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth" Acts 1: 8. "The Holy Spirit said Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away." Acts 13: 2, 3. Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call upon him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent? Rom. 10: 13,-15.

In addition to the command of God, the imperativeness of Missions inheres in the very nature of the Christian religion. When Andrew found the Messiah, he was impelled by his new experience to go out in search for his brother, Simon Peter, "and he brought him to Jesus." Paul said in explanation of his great zeal as a missionary: "The love of Christ constraineth us."

In accordance with the teaching of God's word, Southern Baptists launched their great fore'gn mission enterprise, and from the very beginning the Divine blessing has been upon it. Great advancement has been made since the 75 Million campaign. Four years ago we had 328 Missionaries, now we have 636. Then we had 627 native

today we have 2820. Churches have increased by a gain of 386: church membership by a gain of 53,669. There have been over 40-000 baptisms on the foreign fields, which is nearly as many members as we had four years ago after 75 years of labor. The members of Sunday Schools and attendance have practically doubled in this period. Our schools and colleges have increased by 284, with a greatly increased attendance. Then we were doing work in 9 nations. Today we have mission work in 16 nations. Our old Missionary fields are Mexico, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Japan, China, Africa and Italy. Our new fields are Spain, Iugo-Slavia, Hungary, Roumania, Russia, Palestine, and Siberia. In all these countries the field is white unto the harvest, and the golden grain is ripe and falling. The call is for more missionaries and better equipment.

The Foreign Mission is today forcing a great debt. This debt is due to the falling off of the pledges to the 75 million campaign. It is not due to plunging or wild financing on the part of the Board. Repeated curtailment of the work has been made.

It is urged that all pay their pledges to the 75 Million and thus release the Board, and help to send out those who have volunteered.

We should also support Foreign Missions by our prayers and by special gifts.

F. M. Huggins, A. J. Greene.

The above reports were discussed by Charles E. Maddry.

The report on S. S. was read and discussed by R. C. Eggers and W. A. Braswell.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School is not a work separate or apart from the church but is in part the teaching service of the church.

It is no longer looked upon as a place for children only, but many fathers and mothers find pleasure and profit in attending it whereas previously they took no interest. We feel that the Sunday school has made great progress in many ways during the past year.

Some of our churches have built Sunday-school rooms, others have provided curtains, and further, many are using Bible helps in studying the lessons, such as Peloubet's Notes, Baptist Teacher, Points for Emphasis by Moore, all of which are very helpful.

We think there has been an increase in attendance during the last year, but there still remains much to be done as there is at least one third the members in the churches that do not attend the Sunday-school, this is a great handicap.

We have yet to see a live Sunday-school with a dead dragging song service, there fore we recommend:

1 That every Sunday-school have one singing school taught each

year.

- 2 That every available force be used to increase the attendance.
- 3 That every teacher secure and use good Helps such as the above named.
- 4 That the teachers in each church meet one night in each week to study the lesson together.

R. C. Eggers.

A. J. Greene for Com. on Betterment of the Association read the report. On motion of D. D. Dougherty further discussion was discontinued and the matter re-referred to Com. to report on tomorrow.

On motion adjourned to 8 :40 Wednesday morning.

Walter E. Wilson led in singing "How Firm a Foundation."

Benediction by L. C. Wilson.

Wednesday Morning, Aug. 13, 1924.

The devotional exercises were conducted by L. A. Wilson who read the 95 Psalm, after the congregation sang "How Firm a Foundation," he then led in prayer. "Nearer My God to Thee was sung."

The Moderator called the house to order, after which the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The roll of messengers was called and absentees erased.

The following visitors announced themselves:

S. C. Blackburn and J. S. Hopkins from Ashe Association.

T. L. Blalock, Caldwell Co. Asso. and China Direct Mission.

F. M. Huggins at this hour presented the program for next year.

The association adopted the following suggestions to the churches:

THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION

Amounts paid in 4 yrs.		Goal for 1925.
Antioch	\$ 214	\$ 53
Beaverdam	585	146
Bethany	16	10 at least.
Bethel	1977	495
Blowing Rock	1592	398
Boone	4262	1066
Brushy Fork	441	110
Clarks Creek	.....	.....
Cool Springs	118	32
Cove Creek	1893	473
Elk Knob	1	
Fall Creek	36	10 at least.
Forest Grove	1236	310
Gap Creek	215	54

Howards Creek	32	10 at least.
Laurel Knob[?]	112	30
Laurel Springs	405	101
Meat Camp	138	24
Menola Fork[?]	8	5 at least.
Middle Fork	80	20
Mt. Calvary	475	116
Mt. Gilead	143	36
Mt. Lebanon	162	40
Oak Grove	7	5 at least.
Pleasant Grove	386	97
Rich Mountain	65	16
Shulls Mills	131	33
South Fork	644	161
Stony Fork	116	30
Three Forks	202	50
Timbered Ridge	504	126
Union	83	21
Willowdale	226	56
Zion Hill	44	12
Zionville	192	48

You will observe I have left off the odd cents when less than 50cts and made it another dollar when 50 cents or more, and when it does not come out even in the division this way I have in most instances added a dollar to what would be one fourth. So the total is a little more than the amount given in the letter. This totals \$4375.

I hope you can get several of the churches to accept a larger amount than appears above.

A. J. Greene read and discussed the report on Pastoral Support.

The discussion was continued by G. P. Sherrill, E. J. Norris, T. L. Blalock, D. D. Dougherty, J. F. Wilson, Uriah Earthing, and adopted.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

In our association the support of pastors is neglected. Almost all our pastors must look to some other source for means to support themselves and dependents. No man can do two things well. Our pastors are not able to give all their time to the work, therefore our churches suffer. Let us relieve our pastors in order that the spiritual wants of our people may be supplied. We have made some progress but we have not kept pace with the demands of the time.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee.

The report on Duties of Pastors to Churches was read by L. C. Wilson, after which he led in the discussion followed by F. M.

Huggins. Report adopted.

DUTIES of PASTORS to THEIR CHURCHES

There is no responsibility possibly more farreaching in its character than those of a pastor. To point out the obligations that he is under would be no little task.

To visit the sick, bury the dead and bring to bear by individual and personal contact such influence as will inspire his people in every good word and work means much.

"Preach the Word; be instant in season out of season; reprove rebuke with all longsuffering and doctrine," is the Divine injunction: To indoctrinate his people in the fundamental doctrines of our faith is laid upon every pastor.

And then to be able to enlarge the vision of his people and give inspiration in the cause of missions—in the salvation of a lost world, is a glorious task.

Enlistment, enlargement is the watchword of the hour in the salvation of a lost world. And this can never be accomplished by indifference on the part of the pastor.

If a church is ever waked up to its obligation the pastor must be aroused. "And they shall all see eye to eye when the Lord shall bring again Zion," was the war cry of the prophet as he looked down the ages and beheld the enlargement of the Kingdom of our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. Wilson, Mrs J. D. Brown.

Christian Education being now the order of the day, I. G. Greer read the report and discussed the same, emphasizing the fact that Christian Education should begin in the home.

D. D. Dougherty continued the discussion followed by E. J. Farthing, J. C. Johnson, T. L. Blalock. Report adopted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education is necessary if the church is to continue to be progressive and efficient. Ignorance is one of the greatest enemies the Christian church ever had.

The church cannot maintain its rightful place in the progress of the times unless its leaders are well trained. Our Baptist schools and colleges are the Training Camps for our leaders. Ninety per cent. of our active church workers come from denominational schools. This fact justifies the recognition and support of our Schools and Colleges.

Although we need more outstanding leaders, leaders alone do not make strong churches. A State is great in proportion to the character, intelligence and loyalty of its citizens. So the Baptist Church,

owing to the nature of its organization, is great in proportion to the character, intelligence and spirituality of its laymen. A very small percent of our church members ever go to High schools and Colleges. If our churches are to be strong we must educate the masses in Christian living.

Your committee offers the following suggestions: First, that the parents be more diligent in teaching the Bible to their children: "And these words which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shall talk of them when thou sittest in thy house." Second, that we insist that Public school teachers shall be men and women of good habits and high moral character. Third, that our Sunday-school teachers be more efficient. Fourth, that young people be given more opportunity to do active church work.

All Christian Education should center around the fundamental doctrines of the Bible.

D. D. Dougherty, I. G. Greer.

The association adjourned for one hour.

Wednesday Evening

The association reassembled while the choir sang How Firm a Foundation. The house was called to order by the Moderator.

Under the subject of benevolences the following reports were read: Ministerial Relief, by Dean Swift.

Walter E. Wilson read the report on Orphanage, also the report on Hospitals.

Dean Swift led in the discussion, speaking to the report on Ministerial Relief.

Walter E. Wilson followed, speaking about the work of the Baptist Hospital located at Winston-Salem, N. C. L. A. Wilson spoke to the report on Orphanage. F. M. Huggins continued the discussion of the Orphanage.

Uriah Farthing spoke about Ministerial Relief. Reports adopted.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The nature of the work of a minister debars him from entering the field of business in any way to the extent that he may lay by enough wealth to sustain him and his wife in their declining years when he is no longer able to bear the burdens of a pastor.

Men do not enter the ministry for a financial gain. With few exceptions the salary of the minister is small. Only enough to meagerly supply his present needs. If he should attempt to make money out of the ministry, experience shows that his usefulness as a pastor is

greatly diminished. Disaster usually follows the preacher who seeks a personal fortune.

With these facts before us it becomes our indispensable Christian duty to care for the men who have given the strength of their manhood in service to us. The minister's life work earns for him a respectable living in his old days. He is not a charitable object, but we owe him for services rendered

This is a debt that the Baptists of Three Forks Association have not been paying. Only seven out of thirty five churches have contributed directly to ministerial relief during last year. These seven churches paid the sum of \$39.38.

We recommend that this phase of our duty be more emphatically put before our people, and that every church take at least one collection for Old Minister's Relief.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. Hagaman, Dean Swift.

ORPHANAGE

No department of our work lies closer to the hearts of our people than does the Orphanage. The only cry of distress that ever comes up from our Orphanage workers is the cry that they cannot receive all who should be admitted. And yet today there are, roundly, 700 children being cared for by the Orphanage. About 150 of these are being given aid in the homes of their mothers. This is a new phase of orphanage work, but not so new that it is not proved to be successful. And more and more will this phase of the work be enlarged. No new plan for the support of this work has been made. The Sunday Schools are asked to make an offering once a month, and the churches are requested to make an offering at Thanksgiving. This seems to be a very reasonable plan. Surely if the pastors and Sunday School superintendents would only try, all of our churches would respond to such a plan. Let us try it.

OUR HOSPITAL

The N. C. Baptist Hospital begins its second year of ministry under most favorable conditions. The first year exceeded our highest expectations in the number of patients, in the amount of the charity work, and the extent of the influence and blessings of our great Home of Healing. 1400 patients were treated, nearly 200 charity patients came to us from every quarter of the state. With joy we received these and gave them our best. Some went away disappointed, because we could not cure them. Our physicians fail sometimes to diagnose the case, as do all other physicians. Some came too late. Some had incurable troubles. But after all, the record for healing has been wonderful. Surely the good Lord has guided the physician

The percentage of cures has been unusual, for which we rejoice. We believe prayer contributed much toward these results. For the last two months our earnings have equalled our expenses,—a fact which far beyond the expectations of our Board. It was thought this would not be reached in two years. The second year began with the hospital full of patients as far as open. We have 86 available beds,—the fifth floor is being used for graduate nurses because we have no Nurses' Home. We expect to increase the number of patients at least 50% this year. We have 22 pupil nurses. After this year these will largely substitute the number of graduate nurses necessary to run the Hospital which will greatly reduce expenses.

The grounds have been greatly beautified by a splendid coat of grass, shrubery and trees.

We have increased our field of endeavor and added to our efficiency and equipment during the past months.

We need a Nurses' Home. We are deprived of 18 of our best beds, because we must keep these nurses on the fifth floor.

We need radium. Many patients come with cancer and other malignant diseases who cannot be cured without radium. \$10,000 will buy us an ample supply. Some good brother who loves the Lord and suffering humanity ought to give us this and bless our people for the next 3000 years.

We thank God for the progress. We thank our people for their support. We pray for your interest and co-operation. Come to us, send your friends to us and tell others about our Home of Healing.

The Association again took up the unfinished report of Associational Betterment. Report amended and adopted.

ASSOCIATIONAL BETTERMENT

Your committee appointed at the last Association to study the needs of this association and to make recommendations for the improvement of the sessions, submit the following:

- 1 That the Constitution and Rules of the Association be published in the minutes.
- 2 That we have the clerk to prepare and publish in the minutes, an Associational Directory.
- 3 That the Moderator deliver an annual address at the beginning of the session.
- 4 That the Clerk prepare for publication a summary of statistics in comparison with summary of previous year.
- 5 That we prepare and publish a standing order of business.
- 6 That we have a digest of church letters.

W. S. Farthing, L. C. Wilson, A. J. Greene, Com.

A motion prevailed that the subject of Woman's Work be discuss-

ed and the report be furnished to the Clerk.

Mrs. Rose Swift Fuller from Watauga Association, Tenn. spoke on the subject.

WOMAN'S WORK

Article II of the Constitution gives a three fold object: 1. To stimulate a broader religious development on the part of Baptist women and girls. 2. To receive and distribute Missionary information. 3. To encourage the earnest, systematic co-operation of women and children in contributing money for missions at home and abroad.

The thirtyfourth annual session of the Union in the state was held in Goldsboro April 1—3, 1924. From the minutes we gather these facts about the work in the state.

Total number of Unions	2,281
Number of tithers	3,192
Contributions	\$275,278.49
Number observing season of prayer	365

Objects helped:—Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Church Building Fund, State Missions, Education, Training School Orphanage, Margaret Fund, Bible Fund, Hospital and Ministerial Relief.

We believe that it is possible for every church in the association to maintain a good society. We are confident that these organizations will greatly benefit the individual members.

There are other organizations for younger women and girls. No church can go wrong in training its membership.

Mrs. Len Cook, Mrs. D. D. Dougherty.

Miss Ethel Wilson read the report on B. Y. P. U. Roy Dotson discussed the report, followed by W. E. Wilson and S. C. Eggers.

B. Y. P. U.

There are now, according to Secretary Morgan, 1375 B. Y. P. U. organizations in the state, with approximately 50,000 members, an increase of about 300 unions over last year. More than 8,000 study course awards were issued from the Raleigh headquarters.

This trained army of 50,000 young Baptists will wield a tremendous influence upon the future character and work of the denomination.

The work throughout the state is encouraging. Shall we stand between our boys and girls until the great procession in training pass them, or shall we urge them to join the ranks and enter the camp of training? This work of the young people is largely a discovering service. It helps the timid members of the church to find themselves and encourages many to offer their lives, their talents and all for definite service in the Master's work.

The B. Y. P. U. work is still in its infancy in the Three Forks Association, there being but 3 unions at present. This is a sad state of

affairs when we think of the great possibilities before us in the field. When pastors, superintendents and all other leaders get behind this work and push, conditions will change and our boys and girls will be enlisted. As a denomination we must train our young people and thus deepen the spirituality and increase the efficiency of our churches.

Ethel Wilson, Roy Dotson.

The report on State of the Churches was read by the Clerk.

Report adopted.

STATE of the CHURCHES

By a study of the minutes of 1922 and 23 we find that the churches \$1264 more for pastor's salaries and missions and benevolences in 23 than in 22. We find also that in baptisms there were 40 more in 1922 than in 1923. In attendance the pastors tell us there is a falling off. From this study we see that they are improving some in a financial way, but the spiritual condition is not what it should be.

W. Y. Perry, W. Swift, Com.

The Treasurer read his report. Report adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received for Orphanage,	\$ 7.45
“ State Bd. Missions,	17.45
“ Minute Fund,	64.96
“ Bal. in Treas.,	1.78
Total,	<u>\$91 64</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

To Walters Durham:

For 75 Million,	\$ 4.72
Foreign Missions,	4.00
Home “	4.00
Ministerial Relief,	4.70
To Orphanage,	7.42
Clerk for services,	7.50
Will H. McGuire for printing,	59.22
Total,	<u>\$ 91.64</u>

The Colporteur read his report. Report adopted.

REPORT of COLPORTEUR

Brought forward from last year,	\$ 57.58
Books bought during the year,	67.67
Sold during the year,	71.72
Books on hand,	33.70
Cash on hand,	23.88

Roy Dotson, Colporteur.

The Com. on Finance reported. Report adopted.

TABLE I.—STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	PASTORS	P. O.	CLERKS	P. O.	Time of Preaching Value of h. Property	Value of Pastor's Home	Received By Baptism	By Letter	By Statement	Restored	Lost by Letter	Exclusion	Died	Total Membership
Antioch	W. Swift,	Reese,	N. C. Chas. Tester,	Watauga Falls	3	1000	6	4	..	..	11	..	2	167
Bethel	Uriah Farthing,	Boone	W R Vines,	Sugar Grove	4	600	16	2	..	..	8	1	2	195
Beaver Dam	R C Eggers	Zionville	Bert Farthing	Reese	2	300	8	2	..	2	4	1	1	157
Bethany	F C Watts	Purlier	H M Watson	Hackett	4	500	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	96
Brushy Fork	G W Sabastian	N. Wilkesboro	L M Trivett	Lovill	2	2000	11	4	..	..	1	..	1	101
Boone	F M Huggins	Boone	G W Gragg	Boone	2, 3, 4	12500	6	12	..	14	..	..	3	263
Blowing Rock	"	"	D W Wooten	B Rock	1	1500	9	3	1	1	1	..	1	141
Cove Creek	W E Wilson	Boone	H S Johnson	Sherwood	1, 3	1500	5	..	..	..	8	..	2	143
Cool Spring	E C Hodges	Adams	R K Hartley	B Rock	1	1500	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	120
Clarks Creek	A T Watson	Rominger	Joel Eggers	Banner Elk	2	500	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	43
Elk Knob	J R Trivett	Tolliver	Roy Eggers	Tamarack	2	400	2	..	..	..	6	2	1	55
Fall Creek	John Norris	Boone	T B Gryder	Heaton	2	200	4	..	..	..	3	1	..	44
Forest Grove	R C Eggers	Zionville	W R Johnson	Vilas	2	1200	12	..	..	1	3	4	3	166
Gap Creek	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Howards Creek	R H Shores	Blowing Rock	W C Norris	Boone	2	600	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	120
Laurel Spring	Levi Greene	Boone	Bynnum	Clawson Laxon	3	1000	25	5	1	4	6	..	1	164
Middle Fork	E C Hodges	Adams	L P Hodges	B Rock	4	1800	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	86
Meat Camp	R C Eggers	Zionville	L A Greene	Sands	3	1000	1	1	..	1	1	2	5	146
Mt Calvary	F C Watts	Purlier	J M Shoemaker	Balm	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mt Gillead	E J Farthing	Sugar Grove	A E Warren	Bech Creek	1	1500	14	5	..	..	2	..	..	101
Mt Lebanon	E C Hodges	Adams	S B Hayes	Vilas	2	800	7	..	..	..	..	..	2	147
Oak Grove	F C Watts	Purlier	J O Hodges	Adams	3	2000	2	1	..	..	4	2	..	75
Pleasant Grove	R C Eggers	Zionville	J H Mast	Zionville	4	1800	23	4	..	..	7	5	2	265
Profits Grove	L A Wilson	"	D L Greene	"	4	1000	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	70

Rich Mountain	D M Wheeler	Bamboo	L E Beach	Zionville NC	1	1000	6	3	1	71
Shulls Mills	G W Sabastian	N Wilkesboro	J W Day	Shulls Mills	3	1500	1	2	2	70
South Fork	S C Blackburn	Todd	W H McGuire	Brookside	2,4	1500	1	2	5	2 132
Stony Fork	E C Hodges	Adams	Z V Greene	Stony Fork	2	1000	2	2	8	1 139
Three Forks	F C Watts	Purlier	E L Payne	Boone	3	3400	7	9	1	1 79
Timb'rd Ridge	W Swift	Reese	W L Greene	Sugar Grove	2	1200	2	2	2	86
Union	L A Wilson	Zionville	J M Burkett	Mabel	3	800	11	7	2	1 201
Willowdale	E C Hodges	Adams	W G Hodges	Vilas	3	4000	17	12	1	1 99
Zionville	R C Eggers	Zionville	Harvey Wilson	Zionville	1	800	5	5	4	1 132
Zion Hill	G W Trivett	Vilas	E F Harman	Beech Creek	2	800	2	2	1	1 105

Church Treasurers & P. O.

(No space in the above table for them.)

Antioch	E. M. Greer,	Sugar Grove,	N. C.
Bethel	-- E J Farthing,	"	"
Beaver Dam	-- Lee Swift,	Reese	"
Bethany	-- H M Watson,	Hackett	"
Brushy Fork	-- T L Mast,	Lovall	"
Boone	-- G P Haganan	Boone	"
Blowing Rock	-- Mrs J D Brown	Blowing Rock	"
Cove Creek	-- D F Horton	Vilas	"
Cool Spring	-- A P Bolick	Shulls Mills	"
Clarks Creek	-- Joel Eggers,	Banner Elk	"
Fall Creek	-- T B Gryder,	Heaton	"
Forest Grove	-- W R Johnson,	Vilas	"

Howards Creek	-- D W Cook,	Sands
Laurel Spring	-- Bynum Clawson	Laxon
Middle Fork	-- L P Hodges,	Blowing Rock
Mt Gillead	-- W L Greenwell,	Beech Creek
Pleasant Grove	-- J H Mast,	Zionville
Proffits Grove	-- D L Greene,	"
Rich Mountain	-- L E Beach	"
Shulls Mills	-- J S Reid,	Shulls Mills
South Fork	-- W G Cook,	Todd
Stony Fork	-- T R Greene,	Stony Fork
Three Forks	-- A J Edmisten,	Boone
Timbered Ridge	-- John Ward,	Peoria
Union	-- Tate Warren,	Mabel
Willowdale	-- Mrs B S Dugger,	Vilas
Zionville	-- Harvey Wilson,	Zionville

FINANCE

We your Com. on Finance beg leave to submit the following:

Received for Minute Fund,	\$55.66
“ 75-Million,	7.41
“ Orphanage,	22.53
“ Ministerial Relief,	4.14
Total,	\$89.74

Sherman Wellborn, W. R. Johnson, Com.

TEMPERANCE

Much has already been written on temperance. We need to wake up to the realization that it is the duty of every citizen to remember his oath when he became a citizen. We as Baptists, should do all in our power to put down the evil of intoxicating drinks.

The man who sells liquor is an out-law, and his trade is branded as an enemy to society. Those who oppose prohibition are companions of the lawless members of society. We should remember at the polls, that wet officials cannot safely be entrusted with dry laws. The criminal may escape if the prosecutor is to listen to a debate between his appetite and his oath of office. It is a short step from running a still to robbing a bank. The business men who are encouraging the violation of the prohibition laws had better employ extra guards to protect their own business. So we appeal to every citizen, and especially to every Baptist in our association, to DO MORE against this evil, realizing that we owe it to our families and to civilization.

W. N. Howell.

The report on temperance was forgotten and not read to the Association but was handed in later.—Clerk.

The Com. on Time, Place and Preacher reported. Adopted.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Your Committee recommend that the next session of this Association be held with Three Forks Church, to begin the first Tuesday after the second Sunday in August 1925. Rev. F. M. Huggins to preach the Introductory Sermon, E. J. Farthing alternate.

D. D. Dougherty, A. J. Edmisten, Com.

W. S. Farthing read the report for the Com. on obituary of Elder J. H. Farthing, after which he spoke of the life of the departed brother. G. P. Sherrill continued the discussion. Roy Dotson, Smith Hagaman, E. J. Farthing and D. D. Dougherty.

On motion the obituary was supplemented by a memorial of Bro. Farthing written at the time of his death by the moderator.

[The obituary and memorial will appear further on, but no report of the Com. is found in the MS.]

The Moderator announced the following for Standing Coms:

COMMITTEES for 1925

State Missions—F. M. Huggins, J. H. Winkler.
 Home Missions—W S Farthing, E J Farthing.
 Foreign Missions—A J Greene, George Trivette.
 Christian Education—I G Greer, Walter E Wilson.
 Pastoral Support—J R. Isaacs, N T Byers.
 Duty of Pastors to Churches—G P Sherrill, Lee Swift.
 Sunday Schools—Alex Wilson, M J Williams.
 Baptist Orphanage—Roy Dotson, G P. Hagaman.
 Books and Periodicals—D D Dougherty, Roy Gragg.
 Resolutions—Sherman Wellborn, W T Vandike.
 State of Churches—L C Wilson, F M Huggins.
 Temperance—Dean swift, D C Mast.
 Old Ministers Relief—R C Eggers, E J Norris.
 Woman's Work—Mrs I G Greer, Mrs T H Coffey.
 B Y P U—Paul Tugman, Herman Wilcox.
 Nominations—G W Robbins, W N Howell.
 Baptist Hospital—Mrs G P Hagaman, Mrs D D Dougherty.
 Order of Business—W Y Perry, A J Greene.

Committee on Nominations reported. Report adopted.

NOMINATIONS

Executive Committee: G P Hagaman, J H Mast, D D Dougherty,
 W N Howell, Floy^d, Ward with Moderator and Clerk.

For Member State Board of Missions: W S Farthing.

Associational Vice President: W Y Perry.

Sunday School Secretary: Roy Dotson.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention: F M. Huggins, Walter E.
 Wilson, E S Coffey.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: Smith Hagaman, L C
 Wilson, G P Hagaman.

For Corresponding Messengers:

Ashe Association: L A Wilson, L A Greene, J R Isaacs.

Stony Fork Association: Roy Gragg, A J Greene, Asa Wilson.

Caldwell Co. Asso.: R H Shore, Jeff Brown, Tom Vandyke.

Watauga Asso.: Louis Glenn, E M Greer, John Ward.

Mitchell Co. Asso.: Lee Swift, L M Farthing.

Avery County Asso.: R L Palmer, W H Glenn.

Brushy Mountain Asso.: W H Miller, W A Peunell.

D. C. Mast, E. J. Farthing, Com.

TABLE II-

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Ministeri- al Help	Building & Repairs	Incidental	SS&BYPU Expenses	Loc. Poor	Minutes	Other Objects
Antioch	50.00	18.00	.....	.....	5.85	.....	1.60	.....
Bethel	100.00	72.50	776.00	.55			4.50	12.50
Beaver Dam.....	123.72	36.78		5.60	25.00	3.75	3.05	
Bethany.....	106 50	29 66			11.00	10 00	1.00	
Brushy Fork.....	115 00	60 00		6.70	12.45		3.15	
Boone.....	975 00	150 00	292.48	91.66	60.97	28 00	32.00	116 38
Blowing Rock.....	325 00	61 63			46 00		4.50	19.80
Cove Creek.....	300.00	95.00	3050.00	35 65	36 19		4 55	
Cool Spring.....	169 50	16 75			10 00		2 05	
Clarks Creek.....	30 00	21 25					60	
Elk Knob.....	27 25	2 50	96.21		8 00		50	
Fall Creek.....	39 10				2 00		50	
ForestGrove.....	134 58	59.90		1.80	41 10	24 10	3 20	21 07
Gap Creek		No report						
Howards Creek.....	60 25	56.00	5.00	15 00			2.50	
Laurel Spring.....	100 00	52 98	25 00	15 00	9.51		3 00	10.82
Middle Fork.....	122 90	60 50			19 13		1 30	2 20
Meat Camp.....	104 80	56 00	85 00		11 70		1 90	
Mt Calvary.....	276 75		251 70		13 71		1 50	
Mt Lebanon.....	109 40				12 88		2 05	
Mt Gilead.....	26 72	31.87			11 05		1 27	
Oak Grove.....	120 00		111 30		30 00	30 00	1 50	
Pleasant Grove.....	137 00	70 03	800 00	20 00	30 00	3 50	4 18	
Proffits Grove.....	95 71	16 75	10 00	5 00	19.	27 75	3 00	
Rich Mountain.....	65 63				8 00		2 60	
Shulls Mills.....	55 00	32 00			8 55		2 00	
South Fork.....	300 00	70 00	10 00		57 67		2 31	
Stony Fork.....	95 00	24 09	213 95	40 48	9 90		2 00	5.50
Three Forks.....	131 35	53 00	333 84		10 00		1 50	
Timb'rd Ridge.....	40 00	26 00	8 50		9 15		1 60	
Union.....	135 50	55 50	46 25	16 00	15 07		1 20	
Willowdale.....	124 62	35 00	3100.00		29 58		2 00	
Zionville.....	135 00	64 15			21 50	2.62	5 35	
Zion Hill.....	61 40	36 00	200 00		16 80	119.65	60	24 00

The following churches report the following as "Other Salaries" which are included in above Totals: Bethel \$12, Boone \$120, B. Rock \$25, Laurel Spring \$11, Middle Fork \$18, Meat Camp \$17.61, Pleasant Grove \$137, Proffits Grove \$95.71, Zionville \$15.20, Zion Hill \$10.

FINANCIAL

HOME TOTAL	75-Million (Undes.)	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State & As. Missions	Orphan- age	Hospitals	Ministeri- al Relief	Other Be- nevolence	Grand Total
74.56	22.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	96.65
978.11	271.38				72 78		11.13		1333.40
192 90		69 68	8 12	6 36	50 89	12 00	6 94	14 54	360 84
158 16		5 80			14.35				178 31
197.30		3 30	3 30	16 71	34 00		8 97	6 22	269 80
1866.49	592.24		72 50	2 00	456.22	13.45	11 80	10 00	3024 80
	168 75		9 24		70 08	5 00			482 03
3521.39	140 38				145 46	28 75		16.10	3852.08
198 73	27 77								226.07
51 85					4.18	11 25			67 28
134 46									134 46
41 60									41.60
285 75	134 67				65 76	9 69		12 36	508 23
138.75					7.40				146.15
227 36					69 13				296 49
223 73		37 28	40 30		48 72			5.00	335 03
277 01		7.41			5 65				290 67
543 76	132.10								675.86
124 33					24.01		4 14		152 48
70.91									70 91
292.80					14.47				307.27
1079.24	17 30				59 10		5 26	5.00	1157.84
1892 29		2 45	7.66	4 72	10 50				214 62
76 63					25.00				101.63
97.55					7 08				104 63
382 36	80 00	6 22							468 58
390 92					29 15				420.07
529 69		8.00			52.50				590 19
85 25	67.00				6 00	1.00			159 25
267.42					69.75				337 17
3291.20	10.00				2 28				3303.48
		4.30	4.20	4.00	47 75		5.50		203.75
468.45					7.50				475.95

The report of the Com. on Resolutions was read by L. E. Beach.
Report adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

We your committee wish to submit the following report:

First, Be it resolved that we the Three Forks Association express our sincere thanks to the Pleasant Grove Church, pastor and community at large, for their splendid hospitality in the entertainment of this body, both in their homes and with well-filled baskets on the church grounds.

2 We recommend that the association extend a vote of thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for their very efficient service.

God commands in His word that we show hospitality toward each other.—

W. A. Pennell, L. E. Beach, Com.

A. J. Greene was appointed Historian of the association to finish the work begun by J. C. Horton.

The clerk was instructed to deposit the records of the association for safe keeping, in the vaults of some bank.

The clerk was appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and that he be allowed \$7.50 for his services.

The suggestion of the Com. on Betterment of the Association, That W.M.U., B.Y.P.U. and S.S. be made special departments of the association was postponed for thought and discussion until next session.

A song was sung while the messengers gave each other the parting hand. Benediction by Walter E. Wilson.

W. Y. PERRY,
Clerk.

SMITH HAGAMAN,
Moderator.

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Roll of Messengers

- Antioch— John Ward, Chas. Tester, and E. M. Greer.
Bethel— W S Farthing, Alexander Hagaman, W W Wilson.
Beaver Dam— W J Hagaman, G P Sherrill, Lee Swift.
Bethany— L M Farthing.
Boone— Edd Qualls, I G Greer, D D Dougherty.
Brushy Fork— G H Hayes, J Frank Wilson, L M Trivett.
Cove Creek— A D Wilson, J S McBride, Hattie S Johnson.
Cool Spring— R K Hartley, W L Austin.
Clarks Creek— Chas Laurance, G W Rowe.
Elk Knob— J M South, Mack Johnson.
Fall Creek— M W Storie.
Forest Grove— Roy Dotson, Roy Hagaman, Dean Swift.
Howards Creek— E J Norris, W B Culler.
Laurel Spring— Arthur Greene, Charlie Watson, Bynum Clawson
Middle Fork— W T Vandyke, R C Greene, G F Edmisten.
Meat Camp— Jonathan Norris, Clyde Brown, Wiley Greene.
Mt. Calvary— J C Greer, Will Puckett, J M Shoemaker.
Mt. Lebanon— Lonnie Greene, Ed Walls, H A Hodges.
Mt. Gillead— T M Warren, J C Isaacs.
Oak Grove— John W Greene, J C Hodges, J F Gross.
Pleasant Grove— Amos Adams, A B Culler, N T Byers.
Proffits Grove— D L Greene, W A Proffit, J A Winebarger.
Rich Mountain— J A Beach, J M Cornell, L E Beach.
Shulls Mills— Floyd Bryson, J M Day, G W Robbins.
South Fork— W N Howell, J L Tatum, John Cox.
Stony Fork— J S Wellborn, W H Miller, Isaac Smith.
Timbered Ridge— John W Ward, E B Hagaman, Earnest Farthing
Union— Ed S Williams, J F Oliver, J M Burkett.
Willowdale— W G Hodges, Asa Greene, Andy Greer.
Zionville— Harvey Wilson, J R Isaacs, George Roten.
Zion Hill— M A Ward, Linell Ward, Gordon Hagaman.
Blowing Rock— Ed Robbins.

TABLE III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

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CHURCHES	SUPT & P. O.		SEC'Y. & P. O.		Officers and Teachers	Beginners 3 to 5	Primary 6 to 8	Junior 9 to 12	Intermediate 13 to 16	Senior-Adult 17 and up	TOTAL	Normal Diplomas	Baptisms from School	Contributions Home Exp.	Orphanage and Missions	Total Contributions
Antioch	W J Farthing, Watauga Falls	L W Ward, Wat. Falls			5 12	18	18	30	65	30	65	5.85	5.85	5.85	5.85	5.85
Bethel	C J Farthing, Sweet Water	Madge Green, Sugar Grove	8 19	23	18	24	63	155	36.16	36.16	36.16	36.16	36.16	36.16	36.16	36.16
Beaver Dam	J R Wilson, Reese	Lena Wilson, Reese	10 25	20	20	71	126	2	25.00	12.52	37.52	12.52	37.52	37.52	37.52	37.52
Bethany	L M Farthing, Hackett	Beulah Farthing, Hackett														
Brushy Fork	W R Gragg, Boone	Nellie Coffey, Boone	12 18	18	36	31	268	383	1	199.06	94.16	293.22	94.16	293.22	293.22	293.22
Boone	T L Mast, Lovill	Gladys Mast, Lovill	5 6	10	32	59	11	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Blowing Rock	J H Winkler, Boone	Agnes Knight, B. Rock	13 10	12	24	40	99	1	46.46	46.46	46.46	46.46	46.46	46.46	46.46	46.46
Cove Creek	A D Wilson, Boone	Thelma Perry, Vilas	9 20	21	19	46	115	3	55.79	83.51	138.79	83.51	138.79	138.79	138.79	138.79
Cool Spring	J W Pennell, Boone	Luna Pennell, Boone														
Clarks Creek	Chas Laurance, Banner Elk	Ethel Byrd, Banner Elk														
Elk Knob	Dewey Trivett, Tamarack	Sarah Johnson, Tamarack														
Fall Creek	T B Gryder, Heaton	W E Cook, Heaton	4 5	7	8	10	34	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Forest Grove	Mrs Alice Moody, Vilas	Chas Johnson, Reese	11 11	12	14	15	85	148	4	62.17	62.17	62.17	62.17	62.17	62.17	62.17
Gap Creek																
Howards Creek	N L Barnes, Sands	Major Jones, Sands	7 36	20	22	20	105	2.84	2.84	2.84	2.84	2.84	2.84	2.84	2.84	2.84
Laurel Spring	Arthur Greene, Brownwood	Wilma Greer, Rutherford	8 27	13	14	27	27	116	9.51	9.51	9.51	9.51	9.51	9.51	9.51	9.51
Middle Fork			5 17	14	11	24	71	32.20	32.20	32.20	32.20	32.20	32.20	32.20	32.20	32.20
Meat Camp	M Clyde Brown, Boone	W M McGuire, Boone	7 20	23	17	40	107	11.70	11.70	11.70	11.70	11.70	11.70	11.70	11.70	11.70
Mt Calvary	Clyde Green, Balm	Frost Gwaltney, Balm														
Mt Lebanon	S B Hayes, Vilas	Effie Hodges, Vilas	8 30	15	15	30	90	13.71	13.71	13.71	13.71	13.71	13.71	13.71	13.71	13.71
Mt Gilliland	R T Palmer, Beech Creek	Ethel Jones, Beech Creek	8 11	20	12	35	86	12.88	12.88	12.88	12.88	12.88	12.88	12.88	12.88	12.88
Oak Grove	Ed Greene, Adams	Cleve Gross, Adams	4					11.05	11.05	11.05	11.05	11.05	11.05	11.05	11.05	11.05
Pleasant Grove	J H Mast, Zionville	Edna Cook, Zionville	9 30	20	24	40	123	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Profitts Grove	L E Wilson, Zionville	Bessie Proffitt, Zionville	6 25	18	30	35	114	19.08	19.08	19.08	19.08	19.08	19.08	19.08	19.08	19.08

Rich Mountain	W A Pennell	A B Greene	5	15	15	10	18	63	4	8.00	11.49	19.49
Shulls Mills	G W Robbins	Shulls Mills	5	25		16	16	62	1	8.55	6.22	8.55
South Fork	E Duncan	Todd	6				156			57.67		63.89
Stony Fork	H H Smith	Stony Fork	8	13	10	12	25	68	6	9.90	13.00	9.90
Three Forks	A J Edmisten	Boone	7	14	8	10	20	52	2	10.00		23.00
Timb'rd Ridge	E B Haganman	Beech Creek	8	10	8	12	16	60	2	9.15		9.15
Union	J F Oliver	Mabel	8	12	15	17	40	92	9	15.07	307	18.14
Willowdale	Grady Mast	Vilas	11	14	14		62	101	1	69.52		69.52
Zionville	J B Isaacs	Mabel	9	10	12	14	56	112	17			
Zion Hill	H A Haganman	Beech Creek	7				65			16.80		16.80

Note—Boone, Blowing Rock, Cove Creek and Howards Creek report Graded schools. Boone has 20 in the Cradle Roll.

Table IV—Woman's Missionary Union

Church	Organization	President & P. O.	No. 75Mil.	Total
Bethel	W. M. S.	Mrs A C Trivett, Sugar Grove	12	
Beaver Dam	"	Rachel Wilson,	10	
Boone	"	Mrs D D Dougherty, Boone	40	
"	Y W A	Mrs F M Huggins	14	
"	Sunbeams	Mrs Emma Moore	35	
Blowing Rock	W M S	Mrs J M Hodges B. Rock	14	
"	Sunbeams	Mrs Profit		
Cove Creek	W M S	Mrs D F Horton Vilas	134.62	134.62
Forest Grove	"	Mrs H Haganman	18	

ORDAINED MINISTERS

W. H. Glenn,	Watauga Falls, N. C.
L. C. Wilson,	Boone, "
E J Farthing,	Sugar Grove, "
R M Farthing,	Alberta, Canada
J A Davis,	Reese, N. C.
F M Huggins,	Boone, "
Walter E Wilson,	Boone, "
Ed Robbins,	Blowing Rock, "
W Swift,	Reese, "
Roy Dotson,	Vilas, "
John Norris,	Boone, "
R H Shores,	Blowing Rock, "
W Clay Wilson,	Balm, "
W A Braswell,	Montezuma, "
R L Palmer,	Beech Creek, "
E C Hodges,	Adams, "
L A Wilson,	Zionville, "
W A Pennell,	Zionville, "
J M Griggs,	Todd, "
H H Smith,	Stony Fork, "
Levi Greene,	Boone, "
A J Greene,	Vilas, "
G W Trivett,	" "
R C Eggers,	" "

LICENSED MINISTERS

A T Watson,	Rominger, N. C.
E F Harman,	Beech Creek, "

OFFICERS of ASSOCIATION

Smith Hagaman, Moderator,	Boone, N. C.
W Y Perry, Clerk and Treasurer,	Vilas, "
Roy Dotson, Colporteur,	" "
A J Greene, Historian,	" "

OBITUARY, ELD. J. H. FARTHING

Eld. Joseph H. Farthing was born Sept. 7, 1851. He was the third son of Eld. A. C. Farthing and a grand-son of Eld. Wm. Farthing, and died June 7, 1924 at the age of 72 years and 9 months.

Our brother was twice married—first to Miss Ada Y. King—secondly to Miss Carrie Dougherty of Tenn. He left three sons and one daughter by his first wife and one son by his last wife.

Bro. Harrison was born the same year in which Bethel church was constituted, and lived all the years of his life almost under the shadow of the same and certainly under her influence.

In his youth he was not considered immoral, yet nevertheless, in Aug. or Sept. 1866, he saw himself a condemned rebel in God's government, and was enabled by grace divine to trust in Christ for salvation and ever afterward his faith was stayed in Him. He united with Bethel church by experience and baptism Sept. 7, 1866, when he was exactly 15 years old, and lived a devoted member of the same the rest of his life.

A little more than forty years ago our brother commenced preaching among his own people. He extended his labors outwardly, assisted in protracted meetings at other churches and within two years from the time he began work, having given proof of his ministry, he was regularly ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry, Elders J. J. L. Sherwood and A. C. Farthing constituting the leaders of the ordaining Presbytery.

Flung into the ministry with but a limited education, he so applied himself to reading and studying that he not only acquired a good knowledge of the Bible but became well informed on every phase of a ministers work and on other fields of activity and thought.

The brother's first pastorate was at Beaver Dam church. He was soon called to other churches and while in health, his time was generally full of pastoral work.

During the course of his ministerial life, Bro. Farthing served quite a number of churches in the Three Forks and adjacent Associations, but a short time before his death, on account of failing health, he was compelled to give up all his pastoral work. Bethel church was the last church with which he severed his pastoral relations, and he preached his last sermon, in a sitting posture, to that body six weeks before his death.

Our deceased brother's favorite theme in preaching is expressed by Paul in the first Chap. Romans, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

He believed in all the doctrines of the Baptist denomination and

advocated them; but he stressed the necessity of the New Birth as the one doctrine of vital importance, and he labored to lead all to an experimental knowledge of the same.

Although our beloved brother in his last sickness was aware of his approaching dissolution yet he appeared cheerful and resigned. No one ever heard a sigh or groan from him. He has been taken from us for a wise purpose and his life and decease ought to inspire us all with loftier aims in life, especially in the work of the Master's kingdom.

W. S. Farthing, G. P. Sherrill.

REV. JOSEPH HARRISON FARTHING

It has been my good fortune to know Harrison Farthing during his entire ministerial life. He began preaching when I was but a boy—about 40 years ago. His opportunities for an education in the schools were limited, but he inherited from his distinguished father a fine mind and by close application and hard study during his entire life he amassed a wealth of information and, in the truest sense, he became one of the best educated preachers of his day.

At some time during his long ministerial life he has been pastor of almost every Baptist church in Watanga Co. and numbers of churches in other counties. He had the true shepherd heart, as he went from place to place ministering to the spiritual needs of his people. He easily found his way into their hearts and lives. They trusted him. The least little child was never passed unnoticed by him; in fact many of his sermons were directed specially to them.

In all his wide reading—and he drew from every source—the Bible was the great center. He knew it as but few men know it. He believed it, he accepted it, he rested upon it as the eternal truth of God, without question or reservation.

Every great man has some outstanding characteristics and I unhesitatingly say that I have never known any preacher who so exalted Christ in his sermons as he did. Being a man possessing the most beautiful Christian humility, his consuming passion was that his congregation might see Christ in all his love and beauty, and not himself.

Some years ago it was my privilege to hear him preach a series of sermons at Beaver Dam church—eight days I think. The first sermon was great. We felt that it was hardly reasonable to expect the next to be its equal, but possibly it was greater and by the time the third was preached the people were amazed, and each succeeding sermon seemed greater if possible than the one before. It has been my good fortune to hear a number of noted preachers, but I have never

heard anything from any man that equaled that series of sermons. They were products of a great mind, fired by an inspiration that swept speaker and audience into the very holy of holies.

These masterful sermons made such an occasion never to be forgotten by those who heard them.

This may have been duplicated many times in his life, but I have always considered this occasion the climax, perhaps, of his wonderful life.

Harrison Farthing was a great leader of men without assuming to lead. His opinions on theology and church polity were sought by his brethren and usually accepted. He was a theologian of marked ability. He was careful, but never reactionary, progressive in the truest sense. He rejected nothing because it was new, nor accepted anything because it was old; but carefully weighed and measured everything. He was never swept off his feet by the shifting winds of doctrine, but when the skies had again cleared he was still standing on safe ground.

I always think of him as I think of John, the beloved disciple, so close to his Master, tender and compassionate, gentle as a May morning, love the ruling passion of his life. It was his delight to preach to the poor and to comfort the sorrowing everywhere.

When he prayed in the congregation one felt as if he were standing in the very presence of the Saviour and speaking to Him as a man speaks to his friend face to face.

In many ways I consider him the most wonderful preacher I have ever known.

Smith Hagaman.

MINUTES

Woman's Missionary Union.

The eleventh Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of three Forks Association was held on September 18, 1924 with Blowing Rock Church.

The meeting was opened by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name", after which Mrs. Barlow, Supt. of the Union in Caldwell Association, conducted the devotional exercises. She read part of the 5th chapter of Romans. Mrs. W. N. Jones of Raleigh, led in prayer.

The roll call showed only three societies represented, Boone with six delegates, Blowing Rock three, Cove Creek seven. There were two visitors, Mrs. Barlow of Caldwell and Mrs. Jones of Raleigh.

Next was the Annual Address of our Superintendent, Mrs. D. F.

Horton in which she presented her resignation after eight years of faithful service. Then came the address of Mrs. Jones which was full of the spirit of our work. She told how Luther Rice with untiring zeal helped to start the first missionary work of the women. She emphasized the need of prayer in our lives and urged that we should not shift our responsibility upon others. She stressed prayer and Bible study, also mission study. Then she mentioned service and what a privilege it is to work for Christ, then *giving*, another of the greatest privileges we have, giving not only our money, but our time, our opportunities, our talents, our all.

The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. Walter Wilson of Boone.

Before adjournment for lunch, the Superintendent appointed the following committees:

Nominations: Mrs. Enoch Swift, Cove Creek, Mrs. Ella Cook, Boone, Mrs. T. H. Coffey, Blowing Rock.

Time and Place: Mrs. Nan Johnson, Mrs. Geo. Gragg, Mrs. Hattie Johnson.

The Afternoon Devotional was conducted by Miss Ruby Cottrel of Boone. The hymn, "My Faith Looks up to Thee" was sung, after which Mrs. Horton led in a prayer of consecration.

Mrs. J. D. Brown of Blowing Rock, Mission Study Superintendent, reported that all societies had been written to, with response from three. This was an increase over last year, only one society having reported a study class last year.

Mrs. Enoch Swift, as Christian stewardship Supt., stressed the fact that all Christians are stewards of God—stewards of the gospel first, then stewards of money. He who is liberal with his money is faithful in all other things.

The recommendations of the Executive Committee were read by Mrs. I. G. Greer as follows:

"It is the recommendation of your Ex. Committee that during the coming year effort be made as never before to interest our young people, not only in our organizations, but first of all in real Christian living. We suggest further that we put every safeguard possible around our young people, and so live before them as to make the Christian life desirable.

"Furthermore we recommend a strengthening of our personal service forces. Helping the poor, like visiting and cheering the sick, was the work of our Master when among men. Let us strive to emulate Him in these as in all other things.

"We recommended that the program recently launched by the Southern Baptist Convention for the year 1925 receive our hearty co-operation in its every detail.

Last and above all else should be prayer and supplication throughout the county, in every society, in the homes, in groups where the few meet for prayer and in the secret places."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. D. F. Horton, Mrs. W. W. Wilson, Mrs. I. G. Greer.

This report was discussed by Mrs. T. H. Coffey of Blowing Rock and Mrs. D. F. Horton, both stressing our responsibility in adopting the report and urging especially the safeguarding of our young people. After further discussion by Mrs. G. P. Hagaman, report was adopted.

Mrs. T. H. Coffey on behalf of the Nominating Committee expressed the deep regret felt by all, over the resignation of Mrs. Horton as Superintendent, and at the same time voiced the appreciation of the entire Union of her faithful and efficient service.

The report of the Nominating Committee was as follows:

Mrs. G. P. Sherrill, Superintendent.

Mrs. Nan Johnson, Assistant Superintendent.

Mrs. J. D. Brown, Supt. Mission Study.

Mrs. Len Cook, Supt. Personal Service.

Mrs. F. M. Huggins, Supt. Girls Auxilary.

Mrs. I. G. Greer, Secretary.

This entire report was unanimously adopted.

A collection amounting to \$3.08 for the printing of the minutes was received.

The Committee on Time and Place was asked for a report. Mrs. Hattie Johnson responded suggesting Bethel as place of meeting and two weeks before the meeting of the Association as the time. This report was adopted.

Before adjournment Mr Huggins called attention to the program as planned for the year 1925. Each woman was urged to respond to every appeal and further this work in every way possible.

"Blest Be the Tie" was sung, after which the meeting was dismissed by Rev. F. M. Huggins.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. D. F. HORTON, Supt.

MRS. I. G. GREER, Sec.

Table V.- Baptist Young People's Union.

Boone Senior	Augustus Peterson,	Boone, N. C.
Intermediate	Louise Coffey,	Boone, N. C.
Junior	Len Hagaman,	"

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

Session	Church	Moderator	Clerk	Who Preached An ual Sermon
1841	Three Forks	Isaiah Wilcoxon	Richard Gentry	
1842	Beaver Creek	"	"	B. McBride
1843	Roans Creek	B. McBride		Rich. Gentry
1844	South Fork	"	"	B. McBride
1845	Three Forks	"	"	R. P. Farthing
1846	Roans Creek	"	"	Rich. Gentry
1847	Fbenezer	"	John Cook	Jos. Harrison
1848	Three Forks	"	Richard Gentry	B. McBride
1849	North Fork	"	"	Rich. Gentry
1850	Gap Creek	"	"	B. McBride
1851	Pine Grove	"	John Cook	Jos. Harrison
1852	Cove Creek	"	"	L. Hodges
1853	Horse Creek	"	"	J. A. Farthing
1854	Old Fields	J. A. Farthing	"	I. Farmer
1855	Roan Creek	"	"	A. C. Farthing
1856	Antioch	"	"	L. Hodges
1857	Meat Camp	"	"	J. A. Farthing
1858	South Fork	"	"	John Cook
1859	Three Forks	"	"	Jos. Harrison
1860	Bethel	"	"	Wm. Wilcoxon
1861	Three Forks	"	Rufus Moore	D. C. Harman
1862	Gap Creek	J. A. Farthing	Rufus Moore	A. C. Farthing
1863	Ebenezer	"	"	J. A. Farthing
1864	Cove Creek	"	Hiram McBride	R. P. Farthing
1865	Mulberry	"	"	S. J. Farthing
1866	Meat Camp	"	"	A. C. Farthing
1867	Brushy Fork	"	"	D. C. Harman
1868	Globe	"	"	L. L. Maples
1869	Bethel	"	D. C. Harman	Job Moore
1870	Three Forks	"	"	D. C. Harman
1871	Yadkin	"	"	R. P. Farthing
1872	Antioch	"	"	A. C. Farthing
1873	Meat Camp	"	"	T. F. Nelson
1874	Mulberry	"	"	A. C. Farthing
1875	Mt. Zion	D. C. Harman	L. L. Greene	D. C. Harman
1876	Mt. Pleasant	"	"	J. M. Hall
1877	Globe	"	"	J. A. Farthing
1878	Cove Creek	A. C. Farthing	Hiram McBride	W. B. Brown
1879	South Fork	"	"	Asa Brown
1880	Pisgah	"	D. C. Harman	D. C. Harman
1881	Brushy Fork	"	"	E. F. Jones

Session	Church	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1882	Flat Top	"	"	D. C. Harman
1883	Mulberry	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman	A. C. Farthing
1884	Bethel	"	"	E. F. Jones
1885	Three Forks	"	"	J. J. L. Sherwood
1886	Laurel Spring	"	J. J. T. Reese	I. W. Thomas
1887	Beaver Dam	"	"	J. M. Harman
1888	Boone	"	"	J. H. Farthing
1889	Mt. Zion	"	Jacob Younce	David Greene
1890	Three Forks	"	"	Dr. C. E. Taylor
1891	Mt. Gillead	"	"	J. J. L. Sherwood
1892	Meat Camp	W. S. Farthing	"	J. F. Davis
1893	Antioch	"	"	J. H. Farthing
1894	Gap Creek	J. F. Spainhour	"	Dr. C. Durham
1895	Cove Creek	W S Farthing	"	L A Wilson
1896	South Fork	"	"	J E White
1897	Brushy Fork	"	Smith Hagaman	J H Farthing
1898	Cool Spring	"	"	David Greene
1899	Beech Mtn	"	"	L C Wilson
1900	Laurel Spring	"	"	I C Wilson
1901	Bethel	"	"	J M Payne
1902	Flat Top	"	"	D C Harman
1903	Zion Hill	"	"	Sol. Yeunce
1905	Pleasant Grove	"	"	C S Farthing
1906	Shulls Mills	"	"	David Greene
1907	Boone	"	"	C S Farthing
1908	Forest Grove	"	"	J M Payne
1909	Howards Creek	"	"	D A Greene
1910	Beaver Dam	"	"	J M Payne
1911	Mt Calvary	"	"	G W Trivett
1912	South Fork	J J L Sherwood	"	J J L Sherwood
1913	Cove Creek	"	"	J F Eller
1914	Meat Camp	"	"	J M Payne
1915	Zionville	"	W Y Perry	L A Wilson
1916	Stony Fork	"	"	J F Eller
1917	Antioch	"	"	L C Wilson
1918	Bethel	Smith Hagaman	"	W Swift
1919	Union	"	"	R C Eggers
1920	Gap Creek	"	"	"
1921	Brushy Fork	"	"	F M Huggins
1922	Timbered Ridge	"	"	L C Wilson
1923	Laurel Spring	"	"	R C Eggers
1924	Pleasant Grove	"	"	Boy Dotson

Order of Business,- 1925.

Before noon First Day: 10 A. M.

1. Annual Sermon.
2. Address of Moderator.
3. Organization.
4. Call for new churches and cor. messengers.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Reports of committees:
 - Books and Periodicals
 - Education.

Afternoon, First Day

Reports of committees continued:

- Sunday Schools
- B. Y. P. U.
- W. M. U.
- Orphanage
- Ministerial Relief
- Hospitals

Second Day, A. M.

Reports of committees continued:

- Temperance
- Missions—State, Home, Foreign

Afternoon, Second Day

Reports of committees continued

- State of churches
- Pastoral Support
- Duties of Pastors to Churches
- Digest of Letters
- Resolutions
- Nominations
- Report and election of treasurer
- Report and election of colporteur
- Time, Place and Preacher
- Finance

7. Appointment of standing committees
8. Miscellaneous.



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85th ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Three Forks Baptist Association

—HELD WITH—

THREE FORKS CHURCH
AUGUST 11 & 12, 1925.

The next session to be held at South Fork Church Todd, N. C.
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Introductory sermon by Rev. Edd Farthing;
Alternate, Rev. Levi Greene.

Will H. McGuire, Printer, Brookside, N. C.

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TABLE IV-- W. M. U.

Church	Organization	President and Post Office	Members	75 Million	Other	Benevolences	Total Contributions	Mission Study
Bethel	W.M.U.	Mrs WYFarthing S. Grove	15	69.77	2.25	72.02	.....	
Beaver Dam	"	" G A Wilson, Reese	10		6.50	6.50		
Boone	"	" D D Dougherty, Boone	74	139.47	54.26	193.73	8	
"	Y.W.A.	Miss Nellie Coffey, "	22	8.00	10.50	18.50	18	
"	Sunbeams	Lucile Mast	30	6.15	6.54	12.69		
Bl. Rock	W.M.U.	Mrs Annie Coffey, B. Rock	15	108.90	28.50	146.90	15	
Cove Creek	"	" E Swift, Amantha	20	14.22	37.61	58.86	15	
South Fork	"	" J A Brendell, Todd	10			5.60		
"	Sunbeams	" Elma M Greer, Todd	13			.50		
Zionville	W.M.U.	" Maggie Wilson, Zionville	10			4.50		

Table V.-- Bapsist Young Peoples' Union

Churches	Presidents and Post Offices	No.	Members	Study	Bible Rdr
Boone	Mrs Ed Qualls, Boone	1	45	0	18
"	Lucile Mast	1	35	4	5
Blw. Rock	Gladys Brown, B. Rock	1	20		3
Cove Creek	Hattie Johnson, Sherwood	1	36		20
Pl'sant Grove	Paul Tugman, Zionville	1	40		7
South Fork	Prof A H Braswell, Todd	1	20		
Willowdale	Edith Brinkley, Vilas	1	18		
Zionville	Bulah Duncan, Zionville	No statistics.			

MINUTES
85th ANNUAL SESSION
Three Forks Baptist Association
1925

Constitution

1 The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the association, who on presenting letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, the ministers being members ex-officio.

2 In the letters from the different churches is to be expressed their members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since last association.

3 The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any special power over the churches. They shall not infringe any internal right of any church in the union.

4 The Association shall have a Moderator and a Clerk who shall be chosen annually by the suffrage of the members present.

5 New churches, or any regular Baptist church of Christ being legally dismissed by letter by any sister association, upon application by letter and delegates, shall be admitted into our union.

6 Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the association.

7 Every query presented by any member in the association shall be once read, and before it is debated, the Moderator shall put it to vote, and if there shall be a majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be debated, but if there shall be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

8 Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

9 The association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of their proceedings. The best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the direction of the future associations.

10 We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an associational fund for defraying the expense of the same. For the raising and supporting of which we think it to be the duty of each church in the union to contribute annually such sums as they shall

think proper and send it by their delegates to the association. The money thus raised shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer, appointed by the association, who shall be accountable for the same. He shall pay the money out from time to time as the association may direct.

11 There shall be an association book kept wherein the proceedings of the association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary, appointed by the association, who shall receive a compensation yearly for his services.

12 The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected (if needs be) and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the association rises.

13 Amendments to the plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the association when they deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months' notice.

14 The association shall have power :

To provide for the general union of the churches,

To endeavor to preserve a chain of union amongst the churches,

To give the churches the necessary advice in matters of difficulty,

To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the association,

To appropriate the money contributed by the churches for an associational fund to any purpose they may think proper.

Shall have power to withdraw from any church in their union who shall violate the rules of this association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion.

To correspond with sister associations,

To invite any Baptist brethren in the ministry to a seat in the association who may be present at the time of their sitting,

To adjourn the association to any future time and place they may think proper and most convenient to the churches in the union.

Rules of Decorum

1 The association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2 Only one person shall speak at a time who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the moderator, till he is done speaking.

3 He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before him so as to make remarks on his steps failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as he can so as to give his views or ideas.

4 No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the

association without liberty obtained from it.

5 No person shall rise and speak more than three times to any one subject without liberty from the association.

6 No member shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same or whispering in the time of public speaking.

7 No member shall address another in any other appellation than that of brother.

8 The moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking, till he gives his light on the subject except he break the rules of this decorum.

9 The names of the several members of the association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as required by the asso.

10 The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other members, provided the chair be filled. He shall not vote unless the association be equally divided.

Ordained Ministers

Church	Names	Post Office	State
Antioch	W. H. Glenn,	Watauga Falls,	N. C.
Bethel	E. J. Farthing,	Sweet Water,	"
"	L. C. Wilson,	Boone,	"
"	R. M. Farthing,	Breda, Alberta,	Canada
Beaver Dam	J. A. Davis,	Reese,	N. C.
Boone	F. M. Huggins,	Boone,	"
"	Roy Dotson	Boone	"
Blowing Rock	E. D. Robbins	Blowing Rock	"
Cove Creek	Walter E Wilson	Boone	"
Forest Grove	Wellington Swift	Reese	"
Howards Creek	John Norris	Boone	"
Middle Fork	R H Shores	Blowing Rock	"
Mt Calvary	W A Braswell	Montezuma	"
"	W Clay Wilson	Balm	"
Mt Gillead	R L Palmer	Beech Creek	"
Proffits Grove	L A Wilson	Boone	"
Rich Mountain	W A Pennell	Zionville	"
Samson	James Bradshaw	Blowing Rock	"
Stony Fork	H H Smith	Stony Fork	"
South Fork	J A Brendell	Todd	"
"	J M Griggs	"	"
Three Forks	Levi Greene	Boone	"
Willowdale	G W Trivett	Vilas	"
"	A J Greene	"	"
Zionville	R C Eggers	Zionville	"
Oak Grove	E C Hodges	Adams	"
Licentiates—	A T Watson	Hackett	"
	J T McGuire	"	"

Officers

Smith Hagaman,	Boone, N. C.	Moderator
W. Y. Perry,	Vilas, "	Clerk & Treas.
A. J. Greene,	" "	Historian
R. C. Eggers,	Zionville, "	Colporteur.

Roll of Messengers**Churches**

- Antioch— E. M. Greer, J. L. Glenn.
 Bethel— W. S. Farthing, C. J. Farthing, D. F. Greene.
 Beaver Dam— G P Sherrill, W J Hagaman, Lee Swift.
 Bethany—L M Farthing.
 Brushy Fork— D S Love, Gordon Hodges, J F Wilson.
 Boone— D J Cottrell, Smith Hagaman, Ed Qualls.
 Blowing Rock— J D Brown, Mrs Annie Coffey, Lee Hayes.
 Cove Creek— J S McBride.
 Cool Spring— J W Pennell, W C Payne, Q B Cannon.
 Clarks Creek— Letter, no messengers.
 Fall Creek— W B Norris, M W Storie.
 Forest Grove— Ellis Moody, Roy Hagaman, W R Johnson.
 Gap Creek— A G Miller, John Luther, James Church.
 Howards Creek— J E Norris, D W Cook, L F Cottrell.
 Laurel Spring— A N Greene, G G Greene, J H Greene.
 Middle Fork— T F Greer, D S Shore.
 Meat Camp— Johnathan Norris, B B Greene, Edward Greene.
 Mt. Calvary— J D Shook, W M Shoemaker, E F Chapell.
 Mt. Gillead— T M Warren.
 Mt. Lebanon-- L L Danner, H A Hodges, Walter Hartley.
 Oak Grove— John W Greene, Jas T Gross.
 Pleasant Grove— J H Mast, Roy Adams.
 Proffits Grove— Grady Wilson, W A Proffit.
 Rich Mountain— A B Greene, L E Beach, J M Cornell.
 Samson— W N Storie, Millard Coffey.
 Shulls Mills— Spencer Day, G W Robbins.
 Stony Fork— J D Cook, J S Wellborn, Z V Greene.
 South Fork— Will H McGuire, T M Jones.
 Three Forks— W D Edmisten, W H Bumgarner, J C Brookshire.
 Timbered Ridge— E B Hagaman, Earnest Farthing.
 Union— Henry Norris, John Isaacs.
 Willowdale— Asa Greene, Mrs F C Ward.
 Zionville— J R Isaacs, Solomon Grogan.
 Zion Hill— Lionell Ward, Carl Trivett.

Nominations

Dear Brethren:— Your Committee recomend the following:
 Executive Committee: G. P. Hagaman, J. H. Mast, D. D. Dougherty, W. N. Howell, Floyd Ward, with the Moderator and Clerk.

Member State Board of Missions: Rev. F. M. Huggins.

Associational Vice President: W. Y. Perry.

Sunday School Secretary: Roy Dotson.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention: Smith Hagaman, L. C. Wilson and F. M. Huggins.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: L. C. Wilson, A. J. Greene and E. S. Coffey.

Corresponding Messengers:

To Ashe Association: Will H. McGuire, J. L. Tatum, L. A. Greene, J. C. Brookshire.

Stony Fork: L A Wilson, L H Hollers, F M Huggins, Ed Hodges and W D Ashley.

Caldwell Co.: W S Farthing, D Brown, Ed Robbins.

Watauga asso.: R C Eggers, E J Farthing, Wellington Swift.

Mitchell Co. asso.: W A Braswell, G W Trivett, W J Farthing, John Norris.

Avery Co.: G W Robbins, Frank Shumake, W Clay Wilson, R L Palmer.

Brushy Mountain: Levi Greene, R H Shores, J M Griggs.

W. N. Howell, G. W. Robbins, Committee.

Committes for 1926.

State Missions— I. G. Greer, Roy Gragg.

Home Missions— F. M. Huggins, G. P. Hagaman.

Foreign Missions— W S Farthing, Carter Farthing.

Christian Education— A J Greene, W Y Perry.

Pastoral Support— W F Sherwood, Dean Swift.

Duties of Pastors to Churches— G W Robbins, W A Pennell

Sunday Schools— D J Cottrell, Clyde Greene.

Baptist Orphanage— L C Wilson, M J Williams.

Books & Periodicals— Roy Dotson, T L Mast.

Resolutions— J R Isaacs, George Roten.

State of Churches— Alex Wilson, E C Hodges.

Temperance— J A Brendell, W N Howell.

Old Ministers' Relief— G P Sherrill, R C Eggers.

Woman's Work— Mrs I G Greer, Mrs Roy Wilson.

B Y P U— S C Eggers, A Y Howell.

Nominations— W S Farthing, W T Vandyke.

Baptist Hospital— R C Eggers, J R Wilson.

Order of Business— W Y Perry.

P R O C E E D I N G S

Boone, N. C., R.F.D. 1,

August 11, 1925.

Three Forks Baptist Association met this day with Three Forks Church, in its 85th annual session, and the 135th year of the Three Forks church.

J. R. Isaacs led in singing "Amazing Grace" and "Nearer My God to Thee".

F. M. Huggins read a Scripture lesson from the 3d chapt. I. Cor.

W. R. Beach led in prayer.

The annual sermon was preached by F M Huggins from the 9th verse of the 3d chap. of I. Corinthians.

1. We are workers. 2. We are fellow workers. 3. We are God's fellow workers.

After the sermon the congregation sang "Work for the Night is Coming."

The moderator, complying with a resolution of the last session of the association, delivered an address. Subject: A brief history of Three Forks church, as to discipline compared to the discipline of the churches of today. He also emphasized conviction and repentance for sin as a prerequisite to conversion.

W. S. Farthing moved that Walter M. Gilmore cast the ballot of this association for the present officers, Smith Hagaman Moderator and W. Y. Perry Clerk. Bro. Gilmore so cast the ballot.

The following visitors and correspondents announced themselves:

Walter M. Gilmore representing State Board of Missions,

W. C. Tyree and Dean Crisp from Caldwell association,

M. L. Kesler representing Baptist Orphanage,

W. R. Beach, representing Biblical Recorder,

D. A. Greene, Avery Co. association,

Mrs. W. H. Pool, Gaston

C. Tucker, Ashe asso.,

B. F. Wilcox, Stony Fork,

Mrs. J. G. Pulliam,

J. A. Brendell, a new pastor in the association.

The following committees were appointed:

Finance: J. F. Wilson, Roy Hagaman.

Time, Place and Preacher: J. A. Brendell, Geo Roten.

Religious Exercises: Pastor and Delegates Three Forks church

A motion prevailed that the church letters be referred to the clerk

The report on Books and Periodicals was read by F. M. Huggins;

discussed by W. R. Beach, M. L. Kesler, G. P. Sherrill. Adopted.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS

The Biblical Recorder is the organ of the Baptist State Convention. This paper contains information about the work of the Baptist denomination throughout the state. It also has missionary information. We recommend that the churches of this association consider the propriety of putting the Recorder in their budget to be sent to every family in the church. The regular price of the paper is \$2 a year. It could be obtained in clubs for a smaller price.

Charity and Children, printed at the Baptist Orphanage in Thomasville, N. C., should be in reach of every Baptist family. Subscriptions for this paper should be managed through the Sunday School.

Home and Foreign Fields is the Missionary Journal of the Baptist Convention, printed monthly at Nashville, Tenn. It is the organ of the Woman's Missionary Union and costs \$1.00 a year. This Magazine has a wonderful amount of information about foreign fields.

Royal Service, published monthly at Birmingham, Ala., by the Woman's Missionary Union is 50c a year. This magazine contains programs and studies for the Missionary Society.

World Comrades, published at Birmingham, Ala., contains illustrated material for young people. It is a monthly magazine and the cost is \$1.00 a year.

We cannot too highly recommend "Kind Words". It fits in nicely with the quarterlies.

We are strongly impressed that every Baptist school should use Baptist literature.

D. D. Dougherty, }
W. R. Gragg, } Com

On motion of John Norris adjourned for one hour.

Benediction by Dr. Tyree.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The association re-assembled to the singing of "Bye and Bye" and "Golden Light". M. L. Kesler led in prayer.

The association was then called to order.

The order of business was so changed that the reports on Missions might be discussed this afternoon.

Report on State Missions was read by F. M. Huggins.

W. S. Farthing read the report on Home Missions.

A. J. Greene read the report on Foreign Missions.

Walter M. Gilmore of the State Board of Missions discussed the reports. K. D. Stukenbrok continued the discussion. Adopted.

STATE MISSIONS

The Baptist State Convention was organized at Greenville in 1830

At this meeting, a State Mission Board was elected and a Corresponding Secretary was sent out to raise funds with which to evangelize North Carolina. We have been in the business of State Missions 94 years and the work was never more vital and constructive than now.

There 145 Missionaries in the employ of the Board this year. We are making it possible for many communities and destitute sections in the State to have the Baptist message. The labors of these missionaries have been wonderfully owned and blessed of the Lord.

We have five Sunday School workers together with several associational workers. These associational workers are paid by the local association and the Sunday School Board at Nashville.

We have a B.Y.P.U. force of 4 all-time workers together with the associational workers who give half time to the work of B.Y.P.U. Miss Winnie Rickett of Andrews, has been selected as the Junior-Intermediate Sec. succeeding Mrs. Elma F. Davis.

We have 4 all-time workers in the W.M.U. department and two associational workers.

We have 4 Evangelists and one Negro evangelist to the Negroes.

There are three Enlistment men whose salaries are paid in part by the Home Mission Board. These men are all-round servants of the pastors and churches.

In the Student Department we have three workers. They are located with the A. & E. College, Raleigh, the University at Chapel Hill and with the N.C.C.W. College, Greensboro. These student secretaries are our connecting link between the home and the individual student while away in college. They are doing much to foster and conserve the spiritual life of our Baptist boys and girls in State schools.

There are many other phases of our State Mission work that we have not mentioned. Just now we are seriously hampered by a heavy debt on our running account. We are hoping that there will be a generous and loyal response from all the churches this fall so that we can go to the Convention with our debts paid in full, ready for a great forward-looking program in our State Mission work.

Our association is urged to have a worthy and noble part in helping to forward our State Mission work. The pledges which were made to the 1925 Program should be paid as promptly as is possible. Some of the churches did not make the canvass, but assumed responsibility for definite amounts. Let the churches collect all this. In addition it would be well to take free-will offerings in all our churches. The pastors are asked to preach on State Missions and to encourage the churches to support our State Mission work.

L. C. Wilson, F. M. Huggins, Com.

HOME MISSIONS

In the year 1925, the Board of Home Mission, has rounded out 80 years of its existence. The year 1845 was a time of small beginnings because of meager resources, but the Board has steadily extended and enlarged its activities until they have attained grand proportions.

In the first 58 years of the Board's existence, contributions to Home Missions amounted to \$3,520,000.00, but in the last 4 years they have amounted to \$4, 810, 965.99. In the first 58 years there were only 82,742 Baptisms on the field, but in the last 4 years there were 199,983 baptisms. Churches have been planted and fostered by the thousands, and large numbers of them have become not only self-sustaining but significant factors in the prosecution of every phase of Southern Baptist Convention work.

Home Missions have helped to make the Baptists of the South the greatest single religious force on the continent of America.

The importance of Home Missions cannot be too strongly stressed. Our home land constitutes the recruiting camp, the training ground the granary and the source of supplies for our work in every land. If we succeed here, our work will likely prosper everywhere else. If we fail here, we fail everywhere.

Home Missions has been developed along a number of lines :

Evangelism and Enlistment; Mountain Mission Schools; Work among the Foreigners, Indians, and Negroes; Work among Soldiers, Seamen and Marines, Work among the Jews in our Territory; Cuba and Panama; Church Building Loan Fund. It would make this report entirely too long to explain all these lines of endeavor.

Our people should read our Missionary Magazine, "Home and Foreign Fields", published by the Sunday School Board at Nashville Tenn. The Home Board publishes thousands of tracts which can be had for the asking, and their splendid books are said to be sold at actual cost. Our people should inform themselves about the work and then we think they would come bravely and worthily to the rescue and support of Home Missions.

W. S. Farthing)

Respectfully submitted.

E. J. Farthing) Com

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The attention of this Association is called to the following in regard to our Foreign Mission Work:

I. Comparison in growth.

	1871	1924
Fields	3,	18
Missionaries	28,	544
Churches	15,	1095
Members	755,	118,872

II. Location of the fields.

One in Siberia, four in China, one in Africa, two in Brazil, one in Chile, one in Mexico, one in Japan, seven in Europe and one in Argentina.

III. The nature of the work done in these fields.

1. Preaching. 2. Teaching. 3. Healing. 4. Informing.
5. Training.

IV. Why we need the work.

1. For our protection against the enemies of our faith.
2. For our growth and development.

The order of business was so changed that the special order for immediate consideration might be the report on Orphanage.

Roy Dotson read the report on Orphanage.

M. L. Kesler discussed the report, emphasizing the point of family welfare. K. D. Stukenbrok continued the discussion. Adopted.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

The Orphanage is now divided into three divisions—The Thomasville Home, the Kennedy Memorial Home, and the Mothers' Aid.

At Thomasville there are 492 children. At Kennedy Home there are 110. There are 386 children receiving help thru Mothers' Aid.

The cost per month at Thomasville and at Kennedy is \$23.70. The average cost spent in aiding children in their respective homes is \$5.

There is much need for enlargement in order to be able to admit the children that are daily being turned away for lack of room.

Roy Dotson, G. P. Hagaman.

Mrs. I. G. Greer read as the report on Woman's Work an unread report or survey on Woman's Work by Mrs. G. P. Hagaman, the former President of the W. M. U., who has passed on to her reward.

Report was discussed by Dr. W. C. Tyree and adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK

Bro. Moderator:

May I ask the patience of the Association while I give a brief explanation of the report your committee wishes to submit?

As many of you know, the Supt. of Woman's Work in this association, Mrs. Margaret Hagaman, passed away during the year. When her books were handed over to me as new Supt., I found among them a message for the women of the association that, so far as I know, was never delivered. It was written by Mrs. Hagaman, and is such a splendid account both of the work in this association and the need of further work, that Mrs. Coffey and I, as your committee ask you to adopt it as the report on Woman's Work.

Mrs. I. G. Greer.

SURVEY OF THE THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION,

(Standpoint of W. M. U.)

BY MRS. MARGARET HAGAMAN.

In our association there are 34 churches. We have only 8 Missionary societies, 5 W. M. S.'s one Y. W. A. and 2 Sunbeam Bands. We have had 3 other organizations but they have gone under from one reason or another. We are hoping to get them going again in the near future and we are also looking forward to others. Our people are good to contribute to any worthy object—willing to render personal service of any kind. Our mountain folks can't be surpassed for their kindness. Their hearts are easily touched when they see the need, but to get women to take our denominational paper or the Mission Journal and study them or sit down and take an hour's time to make a program for a missionary meeting, or go to hear a program like this seems to be another proposition entirely, but I am so thankful many of our women are beginning to realize just how much they have been missing and the few organizations we do have are making good and growing in interest. We have some in every church, at least one or two women who will agree that they'd like to have an organization, but just don't believe they could get enough to stand together to hold out if they started it. Now we realize that it is much harder to keep up attendance in the country, especially in winter, where the homes are scattered and roads bad, but if we only could realize the sacrifice Christ made for us and know that if we fail in His work, He has no other hands to do it, it would be easy enough. We are asleep and need waking.

We have had our 11th annual meeting in this association and it seems to me that it is high time we were going forward with a more steady progress.

Too few of our churches, men as well as women, read anything about our work or the needs on the fields. The Dailies and the "funnies" take up almost all the spare time for reading. Some will say, "I'm just not able to take a paper", but in most cases that is only an excuse, and a poor one, for nine times out of ten we get just about what we set our hearts, now don't we? Why not take these good papers and learn of the Master's work and where our help is most needed then we'll be interested. How can we be unless we know, how can we know unless we read?

Sometimes we are inclined to be discouraged. Not long ago a letter came from Miss Elsie Hunter, Treas. of the W.M.U. work, did me so much good. She said, "God's arithmetic is not like ours. We count numbers and visible results, but He counts motion and faithfulness." Can't we have the right motives? and can't we be faithful?

Another hindrance to our work, so few of the churches use the Duplex Envelopes, or have any system whatever about keeping any account of their offerings. They have no individual records of anything they give. Some of the women in our Missionary Societies give far more than is reported. They render so much personal service unreported, because they fail to keep an account. Of course, there is not one of us who would let her business go as loosely as

that. Think of carrying on the Lord's work in that way! Let us stop and see if we are doing it right and according to the plan. I do hope we may all go to our homes with renewed energy, faith and courage, to do more and to get others to do more.

A motion prevailed that the association adjourn to 9:30 Wednesday morning and spend 15 minutes in devotional services to be conducted by Rev. B. F. Wilcox.

"There Is a Fountain" was sung. Benediction by Dean Crisp.

Wednesday Morning,

Aug. 12, 1925.

Worship was begun by singing "Happy Day" and "We are Passing Away." B. F. Wilcox read a Scripture lesson from 3d chapter John. L. A. Wilson led in prayer.

"O, When Shall I See Jesus" was sung by the congregation.

Moderator called the association to order for business.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The following visitors announced themselves:

R. L. Doughton, Alleghany Association,

W. H. Moore, Pastor Bainbridge St. Church, Richmond, Va.

Dr. T. J. Simmons, 1st Baptist Church, Gainesville, Ga.

Miss Virginia Cox, Holston Association, Tenn.

Roll of messengers was called and absentees erased.

F. M. Huggins read the report on State of the Churches and explained a chart showing the contributions and membership as compared with last year. L. C. Wilson and Uriah Farthing continued the discussion, after which the report was adopted.

STATE OF CHURCHES

Baptisms for the year 211; 1923-4 there were 217; 1922-3, 244. Falling off in baptisms for three years. Present membership 4131 last year 4,211. Decrease in Denominational gifts of \$119.90. We gave to co-operative program this year \$1,331.52; Pastors' Salaries amount to \$5,237.31. Grand total of gifts, \$22,174.11. There has been an increase in local gifts of 3,970.51. 27 churches have given something to denominational work.

Sunday School enrollment 3,287 members: little more than half church membership. 6 W.M.U. societies, and 7 B.Y.P.U.'s.

Figures do not fully indicate spiritual conditions of the churches yet they do indicate what is being done. Your committee deplures a falling off in baptisms, and gifts to all denominational [objects], yet there are many hopeful signs. Let us pray and work during the coming year for larger results.

L. C. Wilson, }
F. M. Huggins } Com

Report on Ministerial Relief was read and discussed by R.C. Eggers.

W. S. Farthing suggested that the churches take a collection for Ministerial Relief at their Christmas offering. Report adopted.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

We are told that there are about one thousand of these old ministers in the South, and that this state has its equal part of them. They are here and must be cared for. The Bible makes it binding on every Baptist in this state to do so. We are taught to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake.— I. Thess. 5:13. We are further taught, Let the Elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the Word and doctrine.

The work of the minister is such that he cannot lay up wealth for future years, as many ministers do not receive enough to meet present needs. Old ministers are not objects of charity, we are justly due them a living after they have so faithfully served us.

We make an offering on Thanksgiving day for our Orphanage work, one on Mothers' Day for our Hospital, and Christmas is set apart for the old Ministers. Therefore we suggest that every Baptist Church in this association remember them this year with a very liberal offering and thus pay a part of the debt we so long have been due them.

R. C. Eggers, }
E. J. Norris. }

M. J. Williams read the report on Sunday Schools. L. A. Wilson led in the discussion, followed by M. J. Williams. Report adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

I. The Church is the greatest institution in the world.

1. It is founded on the faith and testimony of the Apostles and Prophets,— Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone.

2. The church is the pillar and ground of the truth— the body of Christ, the bride of the Lamb.

3. It is to be triumphant and perfect.

II. The Sunday School is the greatest organization of the Church.

1. It is an organization to which everybody can belong.

2. It is the greatest evangelizing agency of the Church.

3. It is the teaching service and training center of the Church.

4. According to the report of last year we have 3,978 church members in our churches; 3,058 reported in Sunday school, and no way of ascertaining how many of these are not church members.

5. Your committee therefore would recommend that each Sunday School make a more diligent effort to get more of the church members in Sunday school, and that they use the very best material they have for the teaching force; and that each teacher should be supplied with sufficient helps to inform him as a teacher for much of the success of the Sunday school depends on them. Continued on page 16.

TABLE I.—STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	PASTOR & P. O.	CLERK & P. O.	Time of Preaching	Value Church Property	Value of Pastor's Home	Received by Baptism	By Letter	By Statement	Restored	Lost by Letter	Exclusion	Died	Total Membership
Antioch	Uriah Farthing, Boone,	N. C. L. W. Ward, Watauga Falls	3	1000	.....	....	3	..	..	4	..	2	164
Bethel	L. A. Wilson, Zionville,	" W. R. Vines, Sugar Grove	4	8000		2	7	2	..	4	2	2	200
Beaver Dam	R. C. Eggers, "	" Bert Farthing, Reese, N. C.	2	3500		7				6	3	1	154
Bethany	F C Watts, Purlier	" H M Watson, Hackett	4	500		1	3			1			96
Brushy Fork	R C Eggers, Zionville	L M Trivett, Vilas	3	2000		24	19		1	10	1	2	131
Boone	F M Huggins, Boone	G W Gragg, Boone	2, 3, 4	1200	3000	20	23	1		15		1	290
Blowing Rock	"	D W Wooten, Blowing Rock	1	17000		14	9		2	5			155
Cove Creek	Walter E Wilson, Boone	J S McBride, Sherwood	" 1, 3	15000		15	3		1	4		1	157
Cool Spring	G W Trivett, Vilas,	" R K Hartley, Blowing Rock	3	1500		1				15		4	103
Clarks Creek	E C Hodges, Adams	" C C Lawrence, Banners Elk	4	500						1		1	52
Elk Knob	No report.												
Fall Creek	John Norris, Boone	T B Gryder, Heaton, N. C.	2	200		1				3	2		40
Forest Grove	R C Eggers, Zionville	W R Johnson, Vilas	2	1200			1			6	2		155
Gap Creek	E C Hodges, Adams	" H E Greene, Deep Gap	2	1200		2	2		11				75
Howards Creek	B B Murray, State Road	" L F Cottrell, Boone	2	500		13	4		2	8		2	122
Laurel Springs	Levi Greene, Boone	Bynum Clawson, Rutherswood	3	1200		1	4			1	2	2	164
Middle Fork	F C Watts, Purlier	G F Edmiston, B. Rock.	2	1800		4	3		1	2		2	
Meat Camp	R C Eggers, Zionville,	L A Greene, Boone	3	1000		3			1	6	1	4	
Mt Calvary	E C Watts, Purlier,	" J M Shoemaker, Balm		1000		5				4	3	1	124
Mt Gillead	E J Farthing, Sugar Grove	A E Warren, Beech Creek	1	1500			3					1	86
Mt Lebanon													
Oak Grove	F C Watts, Purlier,	J C Hodges, Adams	3	2000		8	4			5	4		79
Pleasant Grove	R C Eggers, Zionville	" J H Mast, Zionville,	4	1800		8	6		3	7	3	4	276
Profitts Grove	L A Wilson, Boone,	D L Greene, Zionville	2	1000		5	1					1	75

Rich Mountain	D M Wheeler,	Bamboo, "	L E Beach,	Zionville,	N. C.	1000	2	1	72
Shulls Mills	E J Farthing,	Sugar Grove,	J M Day,	Shulls Mills		2000	14	2	86
South Fork	J A Brendell,	Todd,	Will H McGuire,	Brookside	4	2000	9	5	139
Stony Fork									
Three Forks									
Timb'rd Ridge	W Swift,	Reese	Wade L Greene,	Peoria		1200		1	83
Union	E C Hodges,	Adams,	J M Burkett,	Mabel	"	3	800	1	191
Willowdale	G W Trivett,	Vilas,	Ralph G Green,	Vilas		2	4500	1	114
Zionville	R O Eggers,	Zionville	J R Isaacs,	Mabel		1	2000	4	148
Zion Hill	D A Greene,	Butler, Tenn.	M P Trivett,	Rominger		2	1000	7	94
Samson	W D Ashley,	Blowing Rock	H E Barrier,	Finley,	"	1	200	1	54

Church Treasurers and P. O.

Antioch	- J. L. Glenn,	Watauga Falls,	N. C.
Bethel	- E. J. Farthing,	Sweet Water,	"
Beaver Dam	- Lee Swift,	Reese,	
Brushy Fork	- T L Mast	Lovill	
Boone	- G P Hagaman,	Boone,	
Blowing Rock,	Mrs J D Brown,	Blowing Rock,	
Cove Creek	- D F Horton	Vilas,	
Fall Creek	- T B Grider,	Heaton,	
Forest Grove	- W R Johnson,	Vilas,	
Howards Creek	- D W Cook,	Sands,	
Laurel Springs	- Bynum Clawson,	Laxon,	

Middle Fork	- L P Hodges,	Blowing Rock,
Mt Calvary	- E F Chapell,	Balm,
Mt Gillead	- W L Greenwell	Beech Creek,
Oak Grove	- L C Gross,	Adams,
Pleasant Grove	- J H Mast,	Zionville,
Proffits Grove	- D L Greene,	"
Rich Mountain	- L E Beach,	"
Shulls Mills	- J B Reed,	Shulls Mills,
South Fork	- W G Cook,	Todd,
Timbered Ridge	- John W Ward,	Peoria,
Union	- Tate Warren,	Mabel,
Willowdale	- Mrs B S Dugger,	Vilas,
Zionville	- Harvey Wilson,	Zionville,

We recommend especially that the Sunday school be graded.

From our experience and observation without competent teachers and a good singing class the Sunday School is on a drag.

L. A. Wilson, M. J. Williams, Committee.

Southern Baptist Convention; 80 years growth of S.S., 1845-1925.

	S. S	Enrolled
1845	468	27,924
1875	5,085	289,768
1885	5,160	325,080
1895	9,107	547,823
1905	11,296	736,248
1915	17,232	1,605,871
1925	21,570	2,536,953

No. Baptist loss 5000. So. Bap gain 155,000.

N. C.	Enrollment	1924	Gain
1923	274,405	287,466	13,061
" S. S.	2,171	2,181	10

Three Forks Association,	Churches	S. S.	Enrollment
	34	34	3,196
	3,975 B.		

Southern Baptists had a net gain of almost 3000 in S. S. enrollment and 18 Sunday-schools every week in 1924.

A motion prevailed that the program be placed in the hands of the moderator to be disposed of as he thought best.

Hospitals was discussed by F. M. Huggins, E. B. Hagaman, J. A. Brendell and Smith Hagaman. [No report appears.]

On motion adjourned for one hour. "By and By" was sung.

Benediction by Dr. W. H. Moore.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

"O, Why Not To-night" was sung while the association was assembling for the afternoon session.

Prayer was offered by J. A. Brendell. A special song, "After-while" was sung, after which the house was called to order for the transaction of business.

Rev. J. T. Stephens of Oklahoma, a former member of this association, announced himself as a visitor.

The report on Temperance was presented by A. J. Greene. It was discussed by Uriah Farthing and adopted.

TEMPERANCE

Your committee on Temperance thinks that it is worth while to call the attention of our Baptist people to two things: 1. The benefits that prohibition has brought to us, and 2. law enforcement as to intoxicants and drugs.

In the first place the following benefits that have come to us thru the law that went into force in 1919 are: 1. Good order that we have at public assemblies, 2. A decrease in drunkenness as shown by arrest and the decrease of institutions that take care of these patients, 3. Thrift has increased $33\frac{1}{3}\%$ as shown by the savings banks, 4. A majority of the labor leaders report that labor has been benefited by prohibition, 5. The health of the people has been benefited, because accidents have decreased 18% and diseases of dissipation have decreased 10%, 6. Family welfare has received much improvement, 7. Child life has had more attention, and 8. much capital has been diverted into useful channels that once was invested in the whiskey business. These facts have been taken from Mr. Gordon's study of our new laws and their enforcement relative to the liquor business.

In the second place we believe that the above benefits ought to prompt our people to assist in the enforcement of the laws. If all good citizens would lend their influence to the execution of the laws it would be only a short time until we should have this evil reduced to a minimum. The lawless elements are making a great effort to break down the laws. The good people need to stand firm. The government needs our assistance at the present moment in its campaign to put the dealers out of business. The laws against the sale of drugs and narcotics need the support of our people. The use of these are causing serious results to the health of our people. How do our little boys get smoking tobacco? Some man violates the law when he sells it to them. Our people need to help the officers in the enforcement of this law.

A. J. Greene, for the committee.

The report on Christian Education was read by I. G. Greer, who discussed the report, followed by R. L. Doughton. Adopted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Separation of Church and State is a fundamental principle of our republic. The ground of this separation is that the state has to do with government, and the church with religion. But education is an interest of both government and religion. The state must educate in the interest of government, and the church must educate in the interest of religion. The civil community as a political unit is organized to maintain the common rights and interests of all its members. And the motives are doubly strong in a republic, seeing the voters are the sovereigns. Hence the State must, by all the machinery in its power, seek the education of all its people.

But just here a vital question arises: Can the State provide such an education as will certainly secure its own continuance? History answers this question in the negative. Education without the Chris-

TABLE II.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Ministeri- al Help	Building & Repairs	Incidental	SS&BYPU Expenses	Loc. Poor	Minutes	Other Objects
Antioch.....	69.78	12.00	.....	10.83	5.61	.....	1.50	.....
Bethel.....	100.00	52.27	1476.04	191.00	48.35		4.50	8.00
Beaver Dam.....	122.93	50.69	3000.00		35.13	7.00	3.45	
Bethany.....	91.40				8.00		1.00	
Brushy Fork.....	212.00		124.00	19.50	17.21	27.30	5.00	
Boone.....	1313.30	157.50	219.50	286.66	190.06		35.08	51.90
Blowing Rock.....	463.00	105.00	1776.58	74.00	45.00		5.00	
Cove Creek.....	300.00	32.50	2250.00	43.50	38.50		5.00	
Cool Spring.....	80.09	27.65		18.00	10.00	6.50	2.40	
Clarks Creek.....	57.60					4.50	75	
Elk Knob.....			No report					
Fall Creek.....	68.00	13.00	182.00		1.50	20.00	75	
Forest Grove.....	115.03	41.00	3.15		41.94		1.25	
Gap Creek.....	58.13	18.75			8.96		1.50	
Howards Creek.....	77.40	88.00	5.50	18.63	27.31	22.05	2.50	
Laurel Springs.....	66.01	15.00	133.96	4.50	25.00	34.55	3.19	
Middle Fork.....	163.35	40.00	202 60	19 85	12 34		2.20	
Meat Camp.....	126 15	51.00		19.76	10 62		2.45	
Mt Calvary.....	218.86				10.08		2 00	
Mt Gillead.....	34.00	31 00	75.00	37.00	26.69		1 27	
Mt Lebanon.....	60 00	25.00	55.43		18.75		1 05	
Oak Grove.....	161 00	44 00	80 00	5.00			1.50	
Pleasant Grove.....	133 71	40 00	35 63	9 34	29.00	16.00	3 00	200.00
Proffits Grove.....	76 93	24 00		7 33	21 37	32 70	3 00	
Rich Mountain.....	44.43				6.00	10 00	1 85	
Shulls Mills.....	105 00	18.00	424.07		26 61		1.05	
South Fork.....	346 68	118.42	47 90		36 90		1 30	
Stony Fork.....								
Three Forks.....	162.25	50.00	3.45	20 00	10 00	10 00	2 60	
Timb'rd Ridge.....	60 48	22 50	1 86		8 50		2 50	1.81
Union.....	106 87	35.00		10.00	23 81	3 10	2 45	
Willowdale.....	78.00	67 00	350 00		29 11		2 50	
Zionville.....	165 02	50 00		9.40	47.06	25.89	3 60	373 35
Zion Hill.....	45 25				7 19	4 70	1 10	
Samson.....	14 60						63	2 45

The following churches report for "Other Salaries": Bethany 20.31, Mt. Calvary 58.00, Zion Hill 31.00. Added in above Totals.

FINANCIAL

HOME TOTAL	75-Million (Undes.)	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State & As. Missions	Orphan- age	Hospitals	Ministeri- al Relief	Other Be- nevolence	GRAND TOTAL
99.07	24.00	.....	.....	.....	6.00	.....	.....	4.05	133.12
1703.16	124.85				75.03	9.00		20.98	1891.83
3216.20		95.61	7.25	7.90	22.77	16.65	6.75	16.49	3389.62
120.71			4.50		5.90				132.11
387.80	40.97	3.50	7.51	7.51	77.11		7.52		531.92
2254.00	455.77	76.23	40.19	17.36	316.21	20.00	16.82	197.89	3417.47
2423.58	161.90				66.39	5.00		5.00	2781.87
2669.50	58.55	9.60	17.02		119.23	22.21			2896.11
125.14					32.30				157.44
62.85					4.00				62.85
285.25									285.22
204.79	86.42				67.66				358.87
87.37									88.77
214.39					12.50	2.66			256.55
282.21	117.00				126.50				525.71
440.33					41.02				532.37
209.98		5.55			54.50	6.30			276.23
288.94	89.16	5.34			9.39				392.83
204.96									204.96
184.73					8.00				192.75
289.50									289.50
466.68	21.92				36.14		3.76		528.50
144.96		3.00	3.25	4.52	70.97	3.78	2.80	5.38	265.23
62.28		3.00							65.28
574.73					26.61				601.34
551.20	45.50				56.00	22.52			679.27
258.30	28.00				71.77			5.76	313.77
97.05	72.00	2.90	2.50		17.81	7.40		1.30	202.51
181.23		2.90			36.00	11.14			231.27
526.61					17.63				544.24
674.92		15.00		4.20	100.20		4.00		798.32
89.24					12.97	5.56			97.77
17.68					2.00				19.68

The following churches report for "Christian Education": Bethel 3.25; Boone 23.00; Gap Creek 1.40; Proffits Grove 2.42; South Fork 4.05; Timbered Ridge 1.60. Added in above Totals.

tian standard of character and the Christian motive of good will and service is partial in its content and full of peril in its application. The young have a right to their full inheritance, certainly to its most distinctive and important factor. Our social life unleavened by the spirit of Christ, unrestrained by the law of Christ, leads toward disaster and disintegration. Therefore the Church must enter the field of education in the interest of the State itself, and so educate for the sake of civilization. The Christian view of the world, of man and of God, is the conservator of civilization. It is not here maintained that the education that the State gives is either immoral or unmoral, but it is maintained that it is not, and cannot be Christian.

Christian education is Christianity operating in the field of enlightenment. A Christian school is one whose ideals and aims are set by Christ. It is a school which cultivates the whole personality, body, mind and soul; which establishes and develops character by positive evangelism and by a study of science, literature, history and philosophy in an atmosphere of Christian faith and reverence; which infect the student with the spirit of unselfish service and helps him to find his field of usefulness.

J. R. Isaacs read the report on Pastoral Support. He then discussed the report. Report adopted.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

The man who is called of God to preach the Gospel has the greatest call that comes to man. In answering this call, he takes upon himself the greatest responsibility of any man, and should devote the greater part of his time to the ministry and study of the Bible.

If he is to feed his flocks with the spiritual food which will grow them to manhood and womanhood in Christ, and let us as Christians not forget that we too are under a very great responsibility to support him.

1. We should give our presence at the house of God as the Psalmist David has taught.

2. We should ever be faithful to hold him up on our petitions.

3. We should see to it, that he has a part of our substance which God has blessed us with.

We are glad the churches are making some progress along the line of pastoral support. Let us continue to go forward.

J. R. Isaacs, N. T. Byers, Com.

Lee Swift read the report on Duties of Pastors to Churches.

W. S. Farthing discussed duties of pastors to churches. Adopted.

DUTIES of PASTORS to THEIR CHURCHES

We are glad to say that we believe that our pastors are making improvements along the line of their duties to their churches. We

would not attempt to point out all the duties of a pastor, but only notice a few of them. Paul said in his charge to the Ephesian Elders: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God." And again, 1st Peter 5:2 says: Feed the flock of God which is among you."

So in looking at these charges from Peter and Paul to the Elders we take it that it is the duty of the pastor to feed the church, a shepherd to feed his flock to the best advantage must know their needs.

In the home life and there only can we know a person as they really are. So it is the duty of the pastor to go into the homes of his people that he may know their needs.

And again he must study that he may be prepared to supply their needs.

Paul said to Timothy, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Another very important duty of the pastor is to keep in touch with the new converts. Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord and see how they do."

Next to the saving of a soul in importance is the saving of a life to service. Respectfully submitted.

G. P. Sherrill, Lee Swift, Com.

B. F. Wilcox read for the committee the following

RESOLUTIONS

We your Com. submit the following report on Resolutions:

First, Be it resolved that we, the Three Forks Baptist Association, extend our highest of courtesy to the Three Forks Baptist Church, Pastor and the community for their hospitality in entertaining this body in its 85th annual session, both in their homes and for the bounties for all that would partake.

Second, We suggest that the association extend its thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for their effective service.

Third. The Lord hath said in his Word by this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one for another.

W. T. Vandyke, E. C. Hodges, Com.

Roy Dotson Colporteur, read his report. Report adopted.

COLPORTEUR'S REPORT

Books on hand last year,	\$33.70
Books bought during year,	51.30
Books sold during year,	28.45
Cash on hand,	1.03
Books and Cash on hand,	\$57.58

Bro. Dotson declined reelection therefore, R. C. Eggers was elected Colporteur.

Treasurer read his report. Report adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received for Orphanage,	\$ 22.53
State Missions,	11.55
For Minutes,	70.36
Total,	<u>\$104.44</u>

Disbursements:

To Walters Durham,	\$ 11.53
Orphanage,	22.51
Will H. McGuire Printing,	62.84
Clerk of Association,	7.50
Treasurer for Postage,	.06
Total,	<u>\$104.44</u>

J. A. Brendell read the report on Time, Place and Preacher for next session of association. Report adopted.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We recommend that the next session of this association be held at South Fork Church at Elkland Station, N. C., 12 miles north-east of Boone; beginning at 10 a. m. Tuesday after the second Sunday in August 1926, Rev. Ed Farthing to preach the opening sermon, Rev. Levi Greene alternate.

J. A. Brendell, }
Geo. Roten, } Com

The Mod read the Standing Committees for 1926. Adopted.

[For list see page 5.]

G. W. Robbins read the Report on Nominations. Adopted.

[See page 5.]

Roy Hagaman read the Report on Finance. Report adopted.

FINANCE

We the Com on Finance beg to submit the following:

For Minute funds,	\$75.81
Orphanage,	9.90
Home Missions,	3.00
Foreign Missions,	2.50
Total,	<u>\$91.21.</u>

Frank Wilson, Roy Hagaman.

John Norris asked for help from the churches of this association to build a church house for Fall Creek church.

A motion prevailed to commend the request to the churches of this association.

By motion of R. C. Eggers the Clerk was appointed to superintend

the printing and distribution of the minutes and allow him \$7.50 for his services.

A motion prevailed that the association adjourn to meet with South Fork church 12 miles north-east of Boone, near Elkland Station.

F. M. Huggins read 13 chap. of II. Cor. and conducted the closing devotional exercises. After Bro. Huggins led in prayer, "How Firm a Foundation" was sung, the messengers giving each other the parting hand. Benediction by R. C. Eggers.

W. Y. PERRY,
Clerk.

SMITH HAGAMAN,
Moderator.

Friday July 10, 1925.

The W.M.U of Three Forks Association met for their 12th annual meeting with Bethel Baptist Church. Our beloved Supt., Mrs. G.P. Hagaman having died during the year, the Assistant Supt., Mrs Nan Johnson occupied the chair.

Mrs. W.W. Wilson conducted the devotional exercises from Luke 12: 22—39, after which the Supt called for the reports of Societies, Beaver Dam, Boone, B. Rock, Cove Creek and Zionville reporting.

Bro. Harris of Chattanooga addressed the Union, inspiring us to greater efforts in our work. Brethren Roby Eggers, F. M. Huggins, L. C. Wilson and Sister Rose Edna Garvey spoke encouragingly.

Report of the State W.M.U. meeting was given by Mrs Stukenbrok.

The Supt. called for representatives from the different churches; Beaver Dam answered with 7, Bethel 23, Boone 6, B. Rock 1, Cove Creek 8, Forest Grove 4, and Zionville 2.

Rev. K.D. Stukenbrok delivered the annual sermon from Ps 85:6-8

Just before adjournment for dinner the following committees were appointed:—

Nominating Com., Mrs Huggins, Mrs Shell, Mrs. Enoch Swift.

Time and Place, Mrs W Y Perry, Mrs Lee Swift, Mrs WW Wilson
Resolutions, Mrs Susie Horton, Mrs Qualls

The afternoon devotional service was conducted by Mrs Northern, after which Miss Mary Warren, our secretary, brought us a wonderful message on Christian gifts.

There followed a beautiful memorial service for our dear Superintendent who has gone on before. This service was conducted by Mrs. F.M. Huggins and participated by many members

The Supt called for the reports of committees. The nominating com. offered the following report which was adopted: Supt. Mrs. I. G. Greer Assistant Supt., Mrs. F. M. Huggins.

Secretary, Mrs. W. W. Wilson. Young People's Leader: Mrs J M Hodges. Blowing Rock.

Mission Study Leader: Mrs. J. D. Brown.

Executive Committee: Mrs D D Dougherty, Mrs D F Horton, Mrs Maggie Wilson, Mrs Lee Swift, Mrs W Y Farthing and Mrs Annie Coffey.

The Committee on Time and Place recommended that the Union meet next year with the Beaver Dam church, the time to be decided by the Superintendent and the Executive Comm. This report was adopted. The Report on Resolutions was read and adopted.

Supt. Mrs. Nan Johnson.

Sec. Pro Tem, Mrs. W. W. Wilson.

MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Session	Church	Moderator	Clerk	Who Preached Annual Sermon
1841	Three Forks	Isaiah Wilcoxon	Richard Gentry	
1842	Beaver Creek	"	"	B. McBride
1843	Roans Creek	B. McBride	"	Rich. Gentry
1844	South Fork	"	"	B. McBride
1845	Three Forks	"	"	R. P. Farthing
1846	Roans Creek	"	"	Rich. Gentry
1847	Ebenezer	"	John Cook	Jos. Harrison
1848	Three Forks	"	Richard Gentry	B. McBride
1849	North Fork	"	"	Rich. Gentry
1850	Gap Creek	"	"	B. McBride
1851	Pine Grove	"	John Cook	Jos. Harrison
1852	Cove Creek	"	"	L. Hodges
1853	Horse Creek	"	"	J. A. Farthing
1854	Old Fields	J A Farthing	"	I. Farmer
1825	Roans Creek	"	"	A C Farthing
1856	Antioch	"	"	L Hodges
1857	Meat Camp	"	"	J A Farthing
1858	South Fork	"	"	John Cook
1859	Three Forks	"	"	Jos Harrison
1860	Bethel	"	"	Wm. Wilcoxon
1861	Three Forks	"	Rufus Moore	D C Harman
1862	Gap Creek	J A Farthing	"	A C Farthing
1863	Ebenezer	"	"	J A Farthing
1864	Cove Creek	"	Hiram McBride	R P Farthing
1865	Mulberry	"	"	S J Farthing
1866	Meat Camp	"	"	A C Farthing
1867	Brushy Fork	"	"	D C Harman
1868	Globe	"	"	L L Maples
1869	Bethel	"	D C Harman	Job Moore
1870	Three Forks	"	"	D C Harman
1871	Yadkin	"	"	R P Farthing
1872	Antioch	"	"	A C Farthing
1873	Meat Camp	"	"	T F Nelson
1874	Mulberry	"	"	A C Farthing
1875	Mt. Zion	D C Harman	L L Greene	D C Harman
1876	Mt. Pleasant	"	"	J M Hall
1877	Globe	"	"	J A Farthing
1878	Cove Creek	A C Farthing	Hiram McBride	W B Brown
1879	South Fork	"	"	Asa Brown
1880	Pisgah	"	D C Harman	D C Harman
1881	Brushy Fork	"	"	E F Jones
1882	Flat Top	"	"	D C Harman

1883	Mulberry	A C Farthing	D C Harman	A C Farthing
1884	Bethel	A C Farthing	D C Harman	E F Jones
1885	Three Forks	"	"	J J L Sherwood
1886	Laurel Spring	"	J J T Reese	I W Thomas
1887	Beaver Dam	"	"	J M Harman
1888	Boone	"	"	J H Farthing
1889	Mt. Zion	"	Jacob Younce	David Greene
1890	Three Forks	"	"	Dr C E Taylor
1891	Mt Gillead	"	"	J J L Sherwood
1892	Meat Camp	W S Farthing	"	J F Davis
1893	Antioch	"	"	J H Farthing
1894	Gap Creek	J F Spainhour	"	Dr C Durham
1895	Cove Creek	W S Farthing	"	L A Wilson
1896	South Fork	"	"	Dr J E White
1897	Brushy Fork	"	Smith Hagaman	J H Farthing
1898	Cool Spring	"	"	David Greene
1899	Beech Mtn	"	"	L C Wilson
1900	Laurel Spring	"	"	I C Wilson
1901	Bethel	"	"	J M Payne
1902	Flat Top	"	"	D C Harman
1903	Zion Hill	"	"	Sol. Younce
1904	Elk Valley	"	"	J F Eller
1905	Pleasant Grove	"	"	C S Farthing
1906	Shulls Mills	"	"	David Greene
1907	Boone	"	"	C S Farthing
1908	Forest Grove	"	"	J M Payne
1909	Howards Creek	"	"	D A Greene
1910	Beaver Dam	"	"	J M Payne
1911	Mt Calvary	"	"	G W Trivett
1912	South Fork	J J L Sherwood	"	J J L Sherwood
1913	Cove Creek	"	"	J F Eller
1914	Meat Camp	"	"	J M Payne
1915	Zionville	"	W Y Perry	L A Wilson
1916	Stony Fork	"	"	J F Eller
1917	Antioch	"	"	L C Wilson
1918	Bethel	Smith Hagaman	"	W Swift
1919	Union	"	"	R C Eggers
1920	Gap Creek	"	"	"
1921	Brushy Fork	"	"	F M Huggins
1922	Timbered Ridge	"	"	L C Wilson
1923	Laurel Spring	"	"	R C Eggers
1924	Pleasant Grove	"	"	Roy Dotson
1925	Three Forks	"	"	F M Huggins

Order of Business, 1926.

Before Noon, First Day: 10 A. M.

1. Annual Sermon.
2. Address of Moderator.
3. Organization.
4. Call for New Churches and Cor. Messengers.
5. Appointment of Committees.
6. Reports of Committees on:
Books and Periodicals,
Education.

After Noon, First Day.

Reports of Committees continued:

Sunday Schools

B. Y. P. U.

W. M. U.

Orphanage

Ministerial Relief

Hospitals

Second Day, A. M.

Reports of Committees, continued:

Temperance,

Missions— State, Home, Foreign

After Noon, Second Day

Reports of Committees, continued

State of Churches

Pastoral Support

Duties of Pastors to Churches

Digest of Letters

Resolutions

Nominations

Report of, and Election of, Treasurer

Report of, and Election of Colporteur

Time, Place and Preacher

Finance

7. Appointment of Standing Committees
8. Miscellaneous.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

86TH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Three Forks

Baptist Association

—HELD WITH—

SOUTH FORK CHURCH

AUGUST 10 & 11,
1926

The next session of this association to be held at Zion Hill Church, beginning at 10 A. M. Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August, 1927.

Rev. Levi Greene to preach the opening sermon,
Rev. L. A. Wilson alternate.

MINUTES

Three Forks Baptist Association

86TH ANNUAL SESSION

August 10 & 11, 1926.

Todd, N. C., Aug. 10, 1926.

Three Forks Baptist Association met this day with South Fork Church, in its 86th annual session.

The congregation sang "Blessed Assurance", "Alas, and did my Saviour bleed!

E. J. Farthing read from the first chapter of Acts, 1 to 12 verse, G. P. Sherrill then led in prayer, specially invoking divine guidance during thir session.

"Shall We Gather at the River?" was sung.

Brother Farthing then announced his text, Matt. 28 chap. 16—18 verses. Subject: Some *Vital Things* to the *Unity and Progress* of Three Forks Association. He then emphasized:

1. Who was Jesus Christ? 2. Preaching the Gospel. 3. Baptism. 4. The Lord's Supper. 5. Lo I am with you always.

After the sermon, the congregation sang, "Love Lifted Me."

The annual address of the Moderator was then delivered by Smith Hagaman, the Moderator.

Subject: Baptist Principles.

1. All great things of the world have been accomplished by men who believe in them.

2. Better be sometimes wrong than to believe nothing.

3. An opinion or conviction must be based on authority.

4. Baptist Principles: 1. A converted church membership. 2. Separation of church and state. 3 The ordinances—their meaning and place. 4. Soul liberty.

The letters from the churches that had not been forwarded to the clerk were called for and presented.

On motion of W. S. Farthing the association asked M. A. Adams to cast the ballot of the association for the present incumbents—Smith Hagaman Moderator and W. Y. Perry Clerk. The ballot was so cast by Bro. M. A. Adams.

The following visitors and correspondents announced themselves:

M. A. Adams representing the State Board of Missions and the Biblical Recorder.

Henry Crisp from Caldwell County Association.

H. L. Coffey from Alleghany Association.

J. L. Hayes from Holston Association, Tenn.

The following committees were appointed:

Religious Exercises: The messengers of South Fork church.

Finance: W. T. Vandyke and J. S. Wellborn.

G. P. Sherrill was added to the Committee on Temperance.

The Order of Business was amended so that a committee was appointed on Baptist Co-operative Program. M. A. Adams was appointed.

On Time, Place and Preacher: E. J. Farthing, W. N. Howell.

Roy Dotson read the report on

BOOKS and PERIODICALS

We recommend, first of all, the Bible as the word of God and a sure guide for our actions. We emphatically assert that more good books on the distinctive doctrines of our faith should be read. We submit the following:—

Doctrines of our Faith, by Dargan; What Baptists Believe, by Wallace; Christian Doctrines, by Pendleton; and Church Manual, by Pendleton, all of which may be had through the colporteur. We further recommend that the pastors acquaint themselves with the needs of their people and suggest other helpful books.

There are many good papers which should be read, but we especially recommend the Biblical Recorder, Home and Foreign Fields, Royal Service, and Charity and Children, all of which should be read in order to keep ourselves posted on the denominational work.

Roy Dotson.

The report was adopted after being discussed by Roy Dotson, W. S. Farthing, M. A. Adams and John Norris.

On motion adjourned for one hour.

Benediction by F. M. Huggins.

Afternoon Session, - First Day

The association reassembled to the singing of "Where Jesus is."

John Norris led in prayer, after which "Down at the Cross" was sung.

The Report on Education was read by the clerk who discussed the same, followed by L. C. Wilson. Report adopted.

EDUCATION

Baptist people believe in an educated membership as well as an educated ministry. Our forefathers made great sacrifices to establish and to maintain schools. In fact they were pioneers in this type

of work. Today the world needs our educational program as much as it ever has. In view of our established tradition we suggest:

1. That the members of our Association support, as citizens, the improvement of the public schools.
2. That they use their influence to secure teachers of good character.
3. That parents assume the leadership in the education and the training of their children, and not delegate it to some other agency.
4. That the churches impress the importance of better education in the Bible among our local people.
5. That we stand by our schools that teach a whole Bible and the great doctrines contained therein.

A. J. Greene

W. Y. Perry

Clyde R. Greene read the report on Sunday Schools, discussing the same, followed by M. A. Adams, L. A. Wilson and H. L. Coffey.

Report adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

With one or two exceptions all the churches of this association are country churches. In most all our churches the only teaching agency is the Sunday school for both young and old. We do not have the WMU's, the BYPU's and other organizations of the city churches; therefore the S. S. is more important to the country than to the city church.

We Baptists neglect the teaching of our young people far too much. In fact this condition is alarming. We hold revival services once a year. The young converts are turned loose without further notice so far as teaching them "all things" is concerned. The great commission says, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you". A large part of the mission of the S. S. should be to do the teaching of "all things whatsoever I have commanded you" to the young converts. Just here they need special attention, and the S. S. should step in and fill this gap. Many church members could be kept in the straight and narrow way if more attention were given to the teaching of the cardinal points of the Christian life.

If the S. S. is properly conducted it will attract folks. The wide-awake superintendent will see to it that the program is what it should be, that variety is used from Sunday to Sunday, that the children are given special attention, that the proper records are kept, that the school is graded, that the best material is used for teachers, that the choir is on the job and that many other things are done which go into the making of a successful Sunday school. Show us a working

Sunday school and we will show you a wide-awake church. The church cannot exert her proper influence in and with the community unless she has a S.S. properly functioning. For this reason the Sunday school should receive more support from church members.

The growth of the S.S. in this association has been very encouraging during the last few years. It has grown in many churches from three or four months during the summer to twelve months. The attendance has also been largely increased as well as the contributions to church objects. This last observation is confined to a few S. schools only. We urge all our superintendents and other S. S. workers to encourage the contributions to the church objects from the S.S. Several of our Sunday schools contribute nothing except for S.S. expenses. In the S.S. is the very best place to teach the young folks to give regularly.

The report on W. M. U. was read by F. M. Huggins, discussing it. The report is adopted.

[No report can be found in the manuscript.]

The committee on Religious Exercises report that H. L. Coffey preach in the grove at this hour.

The report on Orphanage was read by L. C. Wilson. Adopted after being discussed by L. C. Wilson, E. M. Greer, F. M. Huggins, W. S. Farthing, G. P. Sherrill, L. A. Wilson and M. A. Adams.

ORPHANAGE

The first report on the Orphanage adopted by the Three Forks Association, was submitted by our beloved brother, W. S. Farthing with T. P. Adams and W. A. Pool, at Laurel Springs in 1886.

For all of these years, the work of the orphanage has been upon the hearts of our people.

To read the last report of the General Manager, brother M. L. Kesler, is both encouraging and alarming. Encouraging and inspiring, for the great work the orphanage is doing in caring for the hundreds of destitute children that have gone in and out of that magnanimous institution. And for the soul of that institution that is reaching out after every needy child, and for the strength that is coming to the state in church and civic life; by the output of that great home, Encouraging for the foundation upon which it rests: The Rock of Ages: God's Eternal Word, and stayed in the hearts of his people. It is alarming because of the hundreds of children knocking at the door that can't be admitted for want of room and means. And while your committee feels justified in saying that there are but few churches in the association that in some measure, are not committed to the work of the orphanage.

And hardly a home to be found that the orphanage is not a household word, with a growing interest in its support.

We do feel that much more is possible to be done in the many ways our people have in growing power to the end : that the Baptists may do the work that the Lord has laid on them and prepare a citizenship that N. C. may be safe to the Baptist cause. And looking to end of all of this, your committee would impress upon our people the importance of seeing to it that every home is supplied with Charity and Children as a means of inspiring and informing our people in reference to this department of the work of the Baptists of this great state.

L. C. Wilson, M. J. Williams.

R. C. Eggers read and discussed the report on Ministerial Relief. F. M. Huggins continued the discussion, followed by M. A. Adams. Report adopted.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The object of Old Ministers' Relief is a worthy one, and should have our best attention, as they are not objects of charity, we are justly due them a debt which should be paid. After they have so faithfully served us let's not in any wise forget them.

The nature of his work is such that he cannot lay up wealth.

It is hard for him to make enough to meet present needs, thus he goes through life, and in old age he becomes dependent upon others for support. Let us suggest that every church in this association remember this object this year with a liberal offering.

Christmas is the date set apart for this. Please let's not forget.

R. C. Eggers, G. P. Sherrill, Com.

Report on Baptist Hospital was read by R. C. Eggers. Adopted, after being discussed by Bro. Eggers and L. C. Wilson.

HOSPITAL

Only time and space limit the wonderful story of healing and mercy of the Baptist Hospital.

Five thousand patients, nearly 1,000 of these either charity or part pay patients. Fathers, mothers, children, from the country and towns, have come and we have received them all. Their pleas were heart-breaking, we tried to help, and for the most part sent them back well and happy. Verily in these months the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear and the poor hear the gospel preached.

During the last year there were about 1,800 patients, over 400 of whom were charity. These came from every part of the state, and cost the hospital around \$20,000. The number of charity grows every year. It looks as if we will have to care for 500 this year, or

turn many worthy ones away to die. The question is, which one must we send back? To pay for this, \$20,000 is needed. We have received up to July 1, about \$12,000 from all Mother's Day offerings. We start this year with no funds for the needs of charity and a debt on hand for what we have been doing. It is a pity to turn these good Baptist people away to die, just because they are poor, and our Baptist churches will not hear their cry.

We have wonderful accomodations and facilities for helping the sick. We have a death record that demonstrates the power of prayer in healing the sick and yet our people cannot come because our churches have not observed Mother's Day and offered to help care for them. We shall be compelled to turn down numbers of these worthy ones unless something is done or somebody rises and supplies the needed funds. It is impossible to do this work without funds. We must pay our nurses, and provide food, proper comforts: all the necessities of running a great institution. We must have the support of our people or the hospital cannot exist. What shall we do with these numbers who call from all over the state? Your contributions will be the answer.

The budget funds are far too small to meet the debts on the building which come due each year. No hope can we have from that source. It is Mother's Day offering or some other day's collections in the Sunday schools or they die. We plead for your prayers your support and your offerings both in sending patients and giving us contributions to help the poor. It would increase our revenue and much enlarge the opportunities for caring for the charity cases. You men help these women and let's give our girls a place to stay. You will open to the public 21 extra beds and no one can tell the far-reaching good this may be to the suffering Baptists of the state who long to come in.

Come to our rescue, save us from starving in our infancy and we will bless you in the years to come, with a glorious service.

R. C. Eggers, J. R. Wilson, Committee.

On motion of L. C. Wilson, adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Devotional exercises to be conducted by Uriah Farthing. Praise God was sung. Benediction by L. A. Wilson.

Second Day, Morning Session.

The devotional exercises were begun by singing "Draw me Nearer".

Uriah Farthing read Ephesians 3 chap. beginning with 14 to 16 v continuing through 4th chap. to the 12th verse of the 5th chapter.

He then lead in prayer. "What a Friend" was sung.

The association was then called to order for transaction of business
Read and approved minutes of yesterday's proceedings.

The roll of messengers was called and absentees erased.

Report on Temperance was read by W. N. Howell. G. P. Sherrill led in the discussion followed by J. L. Hayes, John Norris, E. M. Greer, K. D. Stubenbrok, L. C. Wilson and E. J. Farthing. Adopted.

TEMPERANCE

Intemperance is the most blighting and deadly sin on earth. 95% of all crimes committed in the U. S. are caused by strong drink. 75% of all people in our insane asylums are there because of the results of strong drink. Last year there were 16,000 deaths and 25,000 injuries in the U. S., and a large per cent of them were caused by the use of alcohol. Lawlessness and crime of every description grow out of intemperance. In the face of these figures and facts, Christian people can ill afford to say one word in support of strong drink. All thinking people are aware of the fact that the damnable stuff is sending more people to hell than any other agency of the devil. No one can be a genuine supporter of his Master' kingdom and at the same time support and uphold the kingdom of the devil.

We are thoroughly convinced that it is the Christian duty of all people to support and uphold the dry forces of the land. The wreck of homes, the divorce cases, increased crime and the blatant disgraces which are veiling the fair face of our beloved country are strong evidences of the growing necessity for better law enforcement.

Brethren, in the name of God, let us rise up in a united bond and carry out the spirit of temperance to the glory and honor of our Master's Kingdom. Resp'y. submitted by your committee.

Rev. J. A. Brendle, W. N. Howell, G. P. Sherrill.

The chair recognized the the following visitors: K. D. Stukenbrok from North Wilkesboro, D. M. Wheeler, Stony Fork association; C. S. Blackburn, Ashe association and O. W. Triplett from Gastonia.

W. Y. Perry read the report on State Missions, Home Mission report was read by M. F. Huggins, and the rept. on Foreign Missions was read by W. S. Farthing.

A report of the Executive Committee on the co-operative program was read by the clerk.

These reports were discussed by M. A. Adams, K. D. Stukenbrok, and W. O. Triplett, and adopted.

STATE MISSIONS

The Baptists of North Carolina have been engaged in State Mission work for nearly a century. The work is fostered by every auxiliary of the church, and should have the hearty approval and co-operation of every Baptist in the State. Just in proportion as we help

our own people to become enlightened in the mission work, and win the lost of our State to Christ, just so will the mission work on our home and foreign fields be enhanced; the gospel light will shine brighter, and many more souls be won to our Saviour the world over. Perhaps there has never been a time in the history of our country when greater emphasis should be laid upon our mission work. People have better advantages of a higher literary training and education than ever before, and the enemies of Christianity are taking advantage of this to poison the minds of our people, by speech and pen, with propaganda that is harmful to the untrained, and is calculated to predjudice our people against the truth.

We urge that the churches of our association provide a nice sum in their annual budgets for State Missions, in order that the work may carry on, and that our State Board may pay its indebtedness, and that the Kingdom of God may reach into every nook and corner of our beloved State to the salvation of all her people, and that thru our united efforts in our own State, we may have much to do in carrying this message of love and hope unto the uttermost part of the earth.—

I. G. Greer, W. R. Gragg, Com.

HOME MISSIONS

Our Home Mission work is fostered by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist convention which is located at Atlanta, Ga. From meager beginning in 1845, with small forces and resources, it has steadily grown until the Home Mission Board has become one of the greatest factors in America for the salvation and development of our people. It has been the greatest constructive and unifying agency in all our Baptist work. Its work is that of evangelism, enlistment, aiding in building church houses, mission work among Indians foreigners, and negroes, and also mission work in Panama and Cuba. Furthermore this Board fosters and supports our mountain mission schools. Reaching the people for Christ and developing them in Christian service, in short, is the work of Home Missions.

Dr. D. B. Gray, the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board, reports that since the convention met in Houston 11 years ago the workers— independent and cooperative — of the Home Mission Board have delivered 1,794,408 sermons and addresses; conducted more than 140,480 prayer meetings; have added to the churches through baptism 405,796; total additions, 652,312; volunteers for Christian service, 121,895; constituted 2,123 churches, built and improved 4,696 churches; distributed 309,753 Bibles and Testaments, and circulated 53,537,829 pages of religious tracts. Our Secretary also reports that the work of the last conventional year, notwithstanding the receipts were more than \$100,000 short of the previous year,

was very gratifying. Conversions and baptisms have been numerous. \$520,000 is reported as having been raised which was \$96,000 short of appropriations.

A debt of over a million dollars is reported on the Home Mission Board which was incurred not by plunging, but because Baptists have fallen off in their gifts. At the same time there has been repeated retrenchment during the past five years. Many of the workers had to be dismissed because the funds were not provided. Surely this policy cannot be kept up if we are to seize the opportunities before us.

Our Home Mission Board has a great two-fold task: first to provide a base of supplies for world-wide missions, and second, to save our own beloved southland for Christ.

Home Missions is the foundation for our foreign mission work. Dr. F. B. Meyer of London said that America was the greatest mission field in the world. An army must have a base of supplies before there can be vigorous and sustained fighting on the front lines. Home Missions provide the impetus for work beyond our border. We must keep the home fires burning if we are to carry out the great commission. Thousands of foreigners are coming to our shore every year. Large numbers of these are Greeks and Italians, and in Texas there are hundreds of thousands of Mexicans. Upon the Home Mission Board falls the responsibility of making Christians of these these peoples, and then as they return they will carry the gospel with them.

The second task of Home Missions is to save the thousands of people within our border and enlist these in Christian service. This to be sure is our primary task. This is the supreme hour for Home Missions. Dr. Grey says: "Our country has become notorious for its disrespect of law, for its numerous murders, for its commercialism. Nothing but the mighty power of the gospel of Christ will save us from this deluge of worldly diversion and material prosperity. These things constitute a most serious problem which deserves the most thoughtful consideration. Our work abroad will advance apace as we lay the foundations at home.

The Board furnishes free literature on all phases of its work. Write 804 Wynne-Claughton Building, Atlanta, Ga.

Your committee most cordially recommends that every church and individual in our bounds study this great department of our work and pray earnestly and give liberally for its success.

Resp'y submitted.

F. M. Huggins, G. P. Hagaman.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

God has unmistakably set his approval on the Foreign Missionary efforts of the Southern Baptist Convention. We feel assured that the work has grown and prospered beyond the most sanguine expectation of those by whom it was launched in 1845.

Age-long barriers to the work have been removed by the hand of our Lord.

Churches, disciples, church membership, Sunday-schools, and Sunday-school pupils have greatly increased on the territory cultivated by us, and new phases of labor have been added to our Foreign Missionary task.

Since the World War, new doors of opportunity have opened unto us. Millions of square miles of territory and hundreds of millions of people have been added to our Mission Fields so that we can truthfully say that the sun never sets on the Foreign Missionary territory of Southern Baptists.

In all our efforts to send the gospel to the nations, we feel that we have experienced the reality of our Lord's parting promise: "Lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world."

While the above facts should thrill the heart of every loyal Baptist of our South Land, truly impress us with the solemn truth that our responsibilities have been multiplied thereby, and that our sacrificial offerings and labors of love should keep pace with our opportunities and responsibilities.

Let the Baptists of the The Three Forks Association rally to this work and strive to have a worthy part in carrying out our Lord's commission to "make disciples of all the nations."

We would recommend that our churches should make regular contributions to the general work of the Board and that each and every church should make a Christmas offering to wipe out the debt which hampers the work of the Board.

Respectfully submitted.

W. S. Farthing and
C. J. Farthing.

REPORT of EXECUTIVE COM.

At an Executive Committee meeting of the association it was agreed to urge each church to pay something to the cause of Missions and that each church that paid any last year to increase its contributions one-third over last year.

Signed by Mod. & Clerk Smith Hagaman, W. Y. Perry.
for Ex. Com.

Adjourned till one o'clock.

Benediction by M. A. Adams.

Afternoon Session, Second Day

Draw Me Nearer was sung while the congregation reassembled.

Standing on the Promises was also sung. Roy Dotson led in prayer. The body was called to order for the transaction of business.

L. C. Wilson read the report the State of the Churches. Report was adopted after being discussed by L. C. Wilson, L. A. Wilson, E. J. Farthing and F. M. Huggins.

STATE of CHURCHES

The Three Forks Association was organized in 1841, at Three Forks church; when Watauga was a part of Ashe county.

Churches entering into that organization, were Bear Creek, Ashe Co., Beaver Creek, Ashe, Cove Creek Watauga, Ebenezer (Zionville) Watauga, Oldfields Ashe, Pine Grove Johnson Co., Tenn., Roans Creek (Mt. City) Tenn., South Fork Watauga, ThreeForks, of North Fork Ashe, and Three Forks of South Fork, near Boone. Comprising a membership of 270 with 5 ordained ministers viz:—Isaiah Wilcoxon, Brazila McBride, Jacob Faw, J. Green and Reuben Farthing, which made up the foundation upon which rests the Three Forks association of today, with its 35 churches and a membership of approximately four thousand.

Your committee would be pleased to call the attention of this association to the many noble men of the past who have sacrificed their lives for the truth and for what we enjoy today. And we would bring to this body; and to every church the serious consideration, as to what we do believe, and what we stand for.

To point out the state and spiritual condition of the churches, would be a greater task than your committee wish to undertake. But in view of existing conditions we wish to submit the following resolutions viz:—

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas: There seems to be a tendency to liberalism, recognition and endorsement of doctrines not consistent with the doctrines of the New Testament and of the Baptist faith, such as alien immersion, and open communion, and in a word, many of our fundamental doctrines, as preached by Christ and the Apostles; such as Repentance and Faith, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the Final Perseverance of the Saints, are being winked at, and which have ever been held sacred by the fathers.

Therefore, Resolved: That the Three Forks Association now in session; wish to express her unqualified allegiance, with unfeigned faith in the DOCTRINE, that the BAPTIST CHURCH is the NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH, and the church that Jesus Christ established while

here on earth; with its ordinances, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, to be observed and kept sacred, within the bounds and limits of the church, as taught by Christ and the Apostles.

Resolved second: That the Three Forks Association would impress upon every church the importance of establishing our people in the fundamental doctrines that distinguish the Baptist church of Jesus Christ. And recognizing the soundness and faithfulness of the ministry of the Three Forks Association, with the grave responsibilities devolving upon them, we look to them for such teaching and leadership as will establish our people in the faith once delivered to the saints. Respectfully submitted.

L. A. Wilson, L. C. Wilson.

The Report on Pastoral Support was read by J. S. McBride who discussed the same. Report adopted.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

If we believe our pastors are Divinely called into the ministry to give their lives in His service, then we also believe they should have the full and hearty support and cooperation of the churches.

1st The members should support by being regular in attendance to every appointment.

2d Church members should pray daily for their pastors, that God would bless their efforts and work.

3d Churches should be more liberal in paying their pastors. We should gladly give of our money to pay our pastors.

Geo. Roten read the Resolutions. Adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee, wish to submit the following report:

1. Be it resolved, That we, the Three Forks Association, express our heart felt thanks to the South Fork Church and people for their splendid hospitality in entertaining this body.

2. We recommend that this Association extend a hearty vote of thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for their efficient services.

3. That we express the gratitude of our hearts to the Giver of all good, for the good fellowship and cooperation during this session of the association.

J. R. Isaacs,
Geo. Roten, Com.

The Com. on Nominations made the following report by W.S. Farthing:

NOMINATIONS

We, your committee on Nominations, recommend the following:

For Executive Committee: G. P. Hagaman, J. H. Mast, D. D. Dougherty, W. N. Howell, Floyd Ward with the Mod. and Clerk.
Member State Board of Missions: A. J. Greene.

Associational Vice Pres. Foreign Mission B'd: W. Y. Perry.

Sunday School Secretary: Roy Dotson.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention: L. C. Wilson, alternate, F. M. Huggins.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention: Smith Hagaman, A. J. Greene, George Sherrill.

Corresponding Messengers:

To Ashe Association: L. A. Wilson, John Norris, W.N. Howell
G. W. McGuire. [?]

Stony Fork Association: L. C. Wilson, F. M. Huggins, Levi
Greene, W. A. Pennell.

Caldwell Co. Association: E. D. Robbins, Wellington Swift,
R. H. Shores, J. D. Brown, L. C. Wilson, Roy Dotson.

Watauga Association: E J Farthing, R C Eggers, R L Palmer,
E M Greer.

Mitchell Co. Association: G W Robbins, W A Braswell,
G W Trivett.

Avery Co. Association: W Clay Wilson, Frank Shumaker,
E C Hodges, G W Trivett.

Brushy Mountain Association: Smith Hagaman, J M Griggs,
F M Huggins.

Respectfully submitted.

W. S. Farthing,
W. T. Vandyke.

The treasurer made his report which was adopted.

W. Y. Perry was reelected treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received for Minutes,	\$86.16	
“ Orphanage,	13.90	
“ Missions,	5.50	
Total,		\$105.56
Disbursements:		
Paid to Walters Durham for Missions,	5.48	
“ Orphanage,	13.88	
“ Clerk,	7.50	
“ Will H. McGuire for Minutes,	78.64	
“ For Postage,	.06	
Total,		\$105.56

W. Y. Perry, Treas.

R. C. Eggers read the Colporteur's report. Report adopted.

R. C. Eggers was reelected Colporteur.

(Report on page 16.)

TABLE I.—STATISTICAL

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CHURCHES	PASTORS & P. O.		CLERKS & P. O.		Baptism	Letters	Restoration	Lost by Letter	Deaths Excluded	Total Members	Meeting time	Location	When Constituted	Families taking State pap.	Material Used	No Rooms	Value Ch. Property	Pastor's Home	Total Value
Antioch	W. Swift, Reese,	N. O. L. W. Ward, Wat. Falls,	N. C. 13	1	1	1	3	174	1 c	1848	3	wood	1	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	
Bethel	L. A. Wilson Boone 2.	W. R. Vines, Sugar Grove	1	1	1	1	2 2	197	4 c	1857	8	brick	6	8000	8000	8000	8000	8000	
Beaver Dam	R C Eggers, Zionville	Bert Farthing, Reese					3 1	149	2 c	1874	10	wood	6	3500	3500	3500	3500	3500	
Bethany	F C Watts Purlier	J C Triplett, Matney													625	625	625	625	
Brushy Fork	R C Eggers, Zionville	L M Trivett, Vilas	7	3	3	3	1	137	3 c	1858	20	wood	1	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	
Boone	F M Huggins, Boone	G W Gragg, Boone	17	16	11	4	308 _{2,3,4}	t	1871	100	brick	12500	3000	15,500	15,500	15,500	15,500	15,500	
Blowing Rock	"	S T Icenhour, B. Rock	4	1	8	2	150	1 t			wood	17000			17000	17000	17000	17000	
Cove Creek	" Supply	J S McBride, Sherwood		5	1	1	162 ₁₋₃	c	1799		brick	8	15000		15000	15000	15000	15000	
Cool Spring	G W Trivett, Vilas	R K Hartley, Blo. Rock	6	2	1	3	100	3 c	1885		wood	1	1500		1500	1500	1500	1500	
Clarks Creek	E C Hodges, Adams	C C Lawrence, Banner Elk					No figures												
Elk Knob	No report.																		
Fall Creek	John Norris, Boone	T B Gryder, Heaton		1	2	3	39	2 c	1855	8	wood		450		450	450	450	450	
Forest Grove	L A Wilson, Boone, r 2.	W R Johnson, Vilas		3	3	1	145	3 c	1889	15	wood	1200			1200	1200	1200	1200	
Gap Creek	E C Hodges, Adams	Thos Fairchild, Deep Gap	1	3	2		77	2 c			wood	1200			1200	1200	1200	1200	
Howards Creek	L B Murray, State Road	L F Cottrell, Boone	12	1	7	5	115	3 c	1882	20	wood	1	600		600	600	600	600	
Laurel Springs	"	J B Clawson, Laxon	8	6	4	3	176	4 c	1873		wood	1	1200		1200	1200	1200	1200	
Middle Fork	W D Ashley, B. Rock	G F Edmisten, B Rock	4	4	2	2	91	4 c	1905	5	wood	1	1800		1800	1800	1800	1800	
Meat Camp	L B Murray, State Road	L A Greene, Boone	3	3	3	1	138	3 c	1851		wood	1	1000		1000	1000	1000	1000	
Mt Calvary	F C Watts, Purlier	W H Shoemaker, Balm	9	3		1	135	4 c			wood	1	1000		1000	1000	1000	1000	
Mt Gillead	E J Farthing, Sugar Grove	O H Trivett, Beech Creek		2	1	2	83	1 c			wood	1	2000		2000	2000	2000	2000	
Mt Lebanon	W D Ashley, B Rock	T T Danner, Valle Crucis	4	1	1	3	126	2 c	1891		wood	1	800		800	800	800	800	
Oak Grove	F C Watts, Purlier	J C Hodges, Adams	12	3	1	1	89	3 c	1916		wood	1	2500		2500	2500	2500	2500	
Pls'nt Grove	R C Eggers, Zionville	J H Mast, Zionville	5		1	15	1	265	4 c	1891	1	wood	4	1500		1500	1500	1500	
Proffits Grove	L A Wilson, Boone	D L Greene "	1				75	2 c	1921	10	wood	1	1000		1000	1000	1000	1000	

Rich Mountain	D M Wheeler, Bamboo	L E Beach, Zionville	7	5	2	2	81	1	c	1905	1000	1000
Shulls Mills	G W Sebastian, N Wlksbro	J M Day, Shulls Mills	13			2	97	3	c	1888	1	2000
South Fork	J A Brendell, Todd	Will H McGuire, Brookside	7	3	1	1	147	4	v	1833	wood	1 2000 3000 5000
Stony Fork	E C Hodges, Adams	Z V Greene, Stony Fork	7	1	1	1	141	2	c	1841	10 wood	1 1200
Three Forks	F C Watts, Parlier	A J Edmisten, Boone	7	14	3	2	125	3	c	1790	3 wood	3000
Timb'd Ridge	W Swift, Reese	Wale L Greene, Peoria				1	1	81	2	c	2	1200
Samson	J W Fox, Lenoir	H E Barrier, Finley			2			50	2	c	1873	200
Union	E C Hodges, Adams	J M Burkett, Mabel						196	3	c		1 800
Willowdale	R C Eggers, Zionville	I A Bumgarner, Vilas	1		5			110	8	c	2	wood 7 8000
Zionville	"	E H Wilson, Zionville	1		4	4	1	140	1	v	1836	11 wood 2000
Zion Hill	D A Greene, Butler, Tenn	M P Trivett, Rominger	6		1	1	2	101	2	c	1886	wood 1 1000

Church Treasurers and P. O.											
Antioch	J. L. Glenn,	Watauga Falls,	N. C.	Meat Camp	L A Greene,	Boone,					
Bethel	E J Farthing,	Sugar Grove,	"	Mt Calvary	E F Chappell,	Balm,					
Beaverdam	Lee Swift	Reese,		Mt Gillead	W L Greenwell,	Beech Creek,					
Brushy Fork	T L Mast,	Lovill,		Mt Lebanon	J C Danner,	Vilas,					
Boone	A V Howell,	Boone,		Oak Grove	Cleve Gross,	Adams,					
Blowing Rock	Mrs J D Brown,	Blowing Rock,		Pleasant Grove	J H Mast,	Zionville,					
Cove Creek	D F Horton,	Vilas,		Proffits Grove	D L Greene,	"					
Cool Spring	C M Shore,	Blowing Rock,		Rich Mountain	L E Beach	"					
Fall Creek	T B Gryder,	Heaton,		Shulls Mills	J B Reed,	Shulls Mills					
Forest Grove	W R Johnson,	Vilas,		South Fork	W G Cook,	Todd					
Gap Creek	Thos Fairchild,	Deep Gap,		Stony Fork	T R Greene	Deep Gap					
Howards Creek	D W Cook,	Sands,		Three Forks	A J Edmisten,	Boone					
Laurel Springs	J B Clawson,	Laxon,		Timbered Ridge	J W Ward	Peoria					
Middle Fork	L P Hodges,	Blowing Rock,		Union	Fate Warren,	Mabel					
				Willowdale	D L Glenn,	Vilas					
				Zionville	E H Wilson,	Zionville					

COLPORTEUR'S REPORT

Books and Cash rec'd. from previous Colporteur,	\$57.58
Books bought during the year,	118.54
Books sold during the year,	125.18
Cash on hand,	3.80
Books and cash on hand,	60.00

R. C. Eggers.

E. J. Farthing read the report on

TIME, PLACE and PREACHER

We recommend that the next session of this association be held at Zion Hill church, beginning at 10 a. m. Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August 1927, Rev. Levi Green to preach the opening sermon, Rev. L. A. Wilson alternate.

W. N. Howell, E. J. Farthing, Com.

Report of Com. on Finance was read by the clerk and adopted.

FINANCE

We, the committee on finance, beg to submit the following report:

Minute Funds.	\$ 65.03
Home Missions,	2.00
Ministerial Relief,	7.92

J. S. Wellborn, W. T. Vandyke, Com.

The Moderator read the list of Standing Committees. Adopted.

Committees for 1927

State Missions — F. M. Huggins, D. J. Cottrell.

Home Missions— L C Wilson, W. F. Sherwood.

Foreign Missions— S C Eggers, Dean Swift.

Christian Education— Vance Howell, J A Williams.

Pastoral Support— W Y Perry, G P Sherrill.

Duties of Pastors to Churches— W N Howell, Will H McGuire.

Sunday Schools— Smith McBride, A J Greene.

Baptist Orphanage— W S Farthing, E J Farthing.

Books and Periodicals— I G Greer, Chapel Wilson.

Resolutions— G W Robbins, E B Hagaman.

State of Churches— R C Eggers, John Norris.

Temperance— Roy Dotson, Roy Hagaman.

Old Ministers' Relief— Alex Wilson, E J Norris.

Woman's Work— Mrs D D Dougherty, Mrs J M Moretz.

B Y P U — Clyde R Greene, Paul Tugman.

Nominations— Lee Swift, J R Eggers.

Baptist Hospital— Carter Farthing, Mrs Roy Wilson.

Order of Business— W Y Perry.

S. C. Eggers read the report on B.Y.P.U. Report adopted after being discussed by S. C. Eggers and L. C. Wilson.

B. Y. P. U.

The Baptist Young Peoples Union is to the church in training what the Sunday school is in teaching.

The purpose of the B.Y.P.U. is to train young members of the church to be more efficient in carrying on the work of the church, it will bring out and develop leadership as no other agency will, it is a great help in "calling out the called."

We would recommend that all the churches in this association organize and maintain a B. Y. P. U. It puts a definite work on the young church members and makes them feel that a part of the work is theirs and that they are responsible for their part of the work.

The feeling of responsibility will create interest and bring about action, quicker than most anything else.

A. Y. Howell, S. C. Eggers, Committee.

By motion of L. A. Wilson and seconded by L. C. Wilson, the association requested the moderator to furnish his annual address and print the same in the minutes. [Address was not furnished.]

A motion prevailed that the clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and that he be paid \$7.50 for his service.

M. A. Adams conducted the closing exercises.

On motion adjourned to meet with Zion Hill church on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August 1927.

The congregation sang "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand" while the messengers gave each other the parting hand.

Benediction by R. C. Eggers.

W. Y. PERRY,
Clerk.

SMITH HAGAMAN,
Moderator.

W. M. U.

The report on W.M.U. was sent in after part of the minutes went to press hence it appears here instead of where it should have been.

The slogan of the Woman's Missionary Union for 1926 is "Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thy increase."

Through the channels of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention during the past ten years \$2,150,506.59 has been contributed and has gone toward supporting the regular objects of the convention. This financial report shows how much the present interest of women has meant in dollars and cents, an interest that has been aroused and maintained through Woman's Missionary Societies in local churches.

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TABLE II.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Ministeri- al Help	Building & Repairs	Incidental	SS&BYP	Loc. Poor	Minutes	Other Objects
Antioch.....	147.65	3.57	.....	12.32	11.35	.....	1.60	.....
Bethel.....	117.95	18.60	458.79	21.50	29.22		4.50	5.00
Beaver Dam.....	106.56	9.65		2.60	39.14	4.55	2.19	
Bethany.....	107.63	25.00	125.00		7.06		75	
Brushy Fork.....	195.40	57.32		11.00	25.21	51.75	4.00	
Boone.....	1350.0	195.00	405.00	533.76	230.38		5.00	
Blowing Rock.....	440.00			18.00	116.37		3.00	
Cove Creek.....	205.88	44.44		20.00	38.20		5 00	
Cool Spring.....	114.30	48.08		18 00	12.00		2.50	
Clarks Creek.....	43.25						30	
Elk Knob.....		No report						
Fall Creek.....	66.25	12.00			3.00	50 00	75	
Forest Grove.....	67.40	2.50	26.70		49 96	6 08	2.05	1.91
Gap Creek.....	66 83	15 70		6.50			2.25	
Howards Creek.....	234 00	13.88	67.49	8 67	15 82		2 00	
LaurelSprings.....	101.32	64 25		12 95	15.60		3 60	
Middle Fork.....	139.75		68.85	18.00	17 37	50.00	2.40	3.40
Meat Camp.....	194 95			21 00	16 06		1 90	
Mt Calvary.....	209 73		15 00		20 40		1 50	
Mt Gillead.....	34 00				14 98		1 25	
Mt Lebanon.....	60 00	30.93			24 01		1 00	
Oak Grove.....	140.22			12 00	24 00		2 45	
Pls'nt Grove.....	104 56	56 00		8 10	23 92	20.00	3 00	1.98
Profits Grove.....	63 91	14 10	7.00	7 35	21 08		2 50	
Rich Mountain.....	48 00					12.00	1 70	
Samson.....	20 00						1 00	
Shulls Mills.....	61 90	60 00	37.81	4.55	28.33		1 75	
South Fork.....	417 03	95 00		40 00	100 00	5.00	2 00	
Stony Fork.....	117 00	20 00		4 41	14 72		3 25	75
Three Forks.....	198 25	43 00	45 00	65 00			2 25	3.85
Timb'd Ridge.....	51.95				7.17		1 50	
Union.....	131 75	42 00		7.50	15 55		1 40	
Willowdale.....	125 00	36 00	360 00		23 00	18.00	2 00	
Zionville.....	141 25		815 69				2 55	390.10
Zion Hill.....	67 80				10 60	14 83	1 10	

Other Salaries: Middle Fork \$30, Mt Calvary \$34.55, Rich Mtn \$2.78
Shulls Mills \$25. This is added in above totals.— Printer.

F I N A N C I A L

HOME TOTAL	Co-op. Program	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State & As. Missions	Orphan- age	Hospitals	Ministeri- al Relief	Other Be- nevolence	GRAND TOTAL
176.49					9.58			6.50	192.57
655.56	122 08				39 23			11 90	828 77
164 19		24.12	6.77	4.76	36.19	14.94	5.32	32 11	288 40
265 38		3 00		2 25	3 00				273 63
344 68		8 23	13 82	7 64	121 80	4 00	6 16		508 33
2719 14	340.77	167 19	121 81	86 00	220 29				3655 20
	91 80	10 00		21 62					687.79
313.52	121 44				85 20	8 43		21 06	549 70
194 88					26 15				221 03
43 55									43 55
132 00					5 16				137 16
156 60	49 14				35 37	3.33			244 44
88 28									88.28
347 86					68 00		1 70		417 56
197 72	8 47				10 58				216 77
279 77		35 00			55 62				370 39
217 85		10 41			61 42	10 83	6 22		306 73
281 18		27 30			28 80				337 28
50 23									50 23
115.94					1 25				117.19
178.32					7 52				185.84
163 76	5 12	4 00		5 05	15 00		3 28		196 21
115 94		4 00	2 00	3 16	38 79	2 76	1 75		168 40
64 48					6 45	3 45			74 38
21 00					1 80				22 80
219 34					2 60				221 94
689.03				180 25	42 50				919.80
160 13					5 75				165 88
351.35	100.12				180 93				645.40
60.62	5 90	5.42	1 00	2 44	16 40	7 40	2 80		101 98
198 20									198 20
564.00	3 00				17.85				584 85
1349.57					19 00				1368.57
94.33			2.00		24 21	5 44		21.75	145.73

Christian Education: Brushy Fork \$2, Three Forks \$8, included in above total.

In our own association we have six missionary organizations for grown people and three for children, one society having been added during the year.

While the good the churches are accomplishing cannot be measured in dollars and cents, the giving of money is undoubtedly an important phase of the church work.

A careful study of statistics will show you that the churches maintaining a Missionary Society are more liberal in supporting the causes for which Christ died. For example, in our own association, according to last year's minutes, the six churches in which missionary societies are working gave \$800 more to benevolence than the other 28 churches together.

While the Missionary Societies do not claim the credit for this, they unquestionably stimulate the general work of the church.

The Master taught us that when two or three are gathered in His name, there will He be also. If there is any one thing that the Woman's Missionary Union stands for above all others, it is for *prayer*—prayer for the coming of His Kingdom. While women can work and pray as individuals, and undoubtedly do, much more can be accomplished by united effort as in Women's Missionary Societies.

Your committee wonders what it would mean in a financial way, and especially in a spiritual way, to have a group of women organized in every church in Three Forks Association. —Signed,

Mrs. Roy Wilson, Mrs. I. G. Greer.

W. M. U. Minutes.

The W. M. U. of three Forks Association met for their 13th annual meeting with Beaver Dam church Sept 10, 1926.

The devotional service was in charge of Mrs. Nan Johnson, prayer by Mrs. Hurst.

Miss Lilda Wilson, in behalf of the Beaver Dam societies, gave the address of welcome, to which Mrs. A. C. Greer responded.

The following new comers and visitors announced themselves:

Mr. and Mrs. Hurst from the Cove Creek pastorate, and Miss Dorothy Kellam, Raleigh, N. C.

An address by Mrs. D. F. Horton on Missionary Literature.

Next in order of business was the Superintendent's report by Mrs. I. G. Greer. The report showed the six churches which have missionary societies gave \$800.00 more during the past year than the 28 churches which have no societies.

Two deaths during the year were reported: Mrs. Alice Greer and Mrs. Mac Johnson.

Mrs Hurst brought the Union a splendid message on "The Tithe

an Obligation." Mr. Stukenbrok added some remarks on the same subject. Mrs. Stukenbrok then conducted a round table discussion—Reports of societies followed. Beaver Dam, Boone, Cove Creek and Bethel reporting.

The roll call of societies followed, and the following representatives recognized: Beaver Dam 8, Bethel 4, Cove Creek 8, Boone 9.

The superintendent then appointed the following committees:—

Nominating Committee: Mrs. Enoch Swift, Mrs. W. Y. Farthing and Mrs. D. D. Dougherty.

Time and Place: Mrs. Horton, Mrs. Hagaman, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Farthing.

Recommendations: Mrs. Huggins.

Resolutions: Mrs. Qualls, Mrs. W. Y. Perry.

Rev. R. C. Eggers then preached the annual sermon from the subject: "Great women of the Bible." Bro. Stukenbrok led in prayer.

The session adjourned for dinner.

The afternoon devotional service was conducted by Mrs. D. F. Horton, after which Miss Kellam, our Young People's Leader, brought us an inspiring message. Mrs. W. Y. Perry read a report on the Training School, in connection with which Bro. Hurst brought to the Union the information that Miss Pearl Davis has offered herself as a missionary to China. On motion of Mrs. Huggins, a committee was appointed to devise ways and means for assisting Miss Pearl in securing the training she needs. On motion report adopted.

A report on the Blanche Barrus Nurses Home, at our Baptist Hospital, was read by Mrs. D. D. Dougherty. Report adopted.

Report on Personal Service, by Mrs. Smith Hagaman.

Mrs. Stukenbrok brought the Union a wonderful message on Mission Study. Report on Y. W. A's. and G. A's. by Mrs. Huggins.

A report on the Sunbeam work was read by Mrs. Gragg.

Report on recommendations read and adopted.

The committee on time and place reported that the Union would meet with Cove Creek next year. The exact time to be set Ex. Com.

The Nominating Com. reported as follows:—

Mrs. I. G. Greer Supt.

Mrs. F. M. Huggins Ass't. Supt.

Mrs. W. W. Wilson Sec.

Young Peoples Leader Mrs. J. M. Hodges.

Mission Study Chairman: Mrs. Jeff Brown.

Personal Service Chairman: Mrs. Smith Hagaman.

Stewardship Chairman: Mrs. D. F. Horton.

The report was unanimously adopted.

A collection was taken for expense funds and received \$3.41.

Mrs. J. L. Qualls read the report on resolutions, extending thanks to the Beaver Dam church and society for the splendid entertainment expressing thanks to the brethren present, for their encouragement, and to Mrs. Stukenbrok and Miss Kellam for the inspiration they have brought to us. The report was adopted.

There being no further business, the Union adjourned.

Mrs. I. G. Greer, Superintendent.

Mrs. W. W. Wilson, Sec.

Officers of Association.

Smith Hagaman,	Boone, N. C.	Moderator.
W. Y. Perry,	Vilas, "	Clerk & Treas.
A. J. Greene,	"	Historian.
R. C. Eggers,	Zionville "	Colporteur

Ordained Ministers.

Church	Name	P. O.	
Antioch	W. H. Glenn	Watauga Falls	N. C.
Bethel	L C Wilson	Boone	"
"	E J Farthing	Sugar Grove	"
"	R M Farthing	Breda, Alberta,	Canada
Bethany	John McGuire	Newland	N. C.
Boone	Roy Dotson	Boone	"
"	F M Huggins	"	"
Forest Grove	W Swift	Reese	"
Howards Creek	John Norris	Boone	"
Laurel Springs	J L Greene	Deep Gap	"
Middle Fork	R H Shores	Blowing Rock	"
Mt Calvary	W A Braswell	Montezuma	"
Mt Gillead	R L Palmer	Beech Creek	"
"	Lee Norris	Whaley	"
Oak Grove	E C Hodges	Adams	"
Proffits Grove	L A Wilson	Boone	"
Rich Mountain	W A Pennell	Zionville	"
Samson	James Bradshaw	Blowing Rock	"
South Fork	J M Griggs	Todd	"
Stony Fork	H H Smith	Deep Gap	"
Willowdale	A J Greene	Vilas	"
"	G W Trivett	"	"
Zionville	R C Eggers	Zionville	"

Roll of Messengers

- Antioch— E. M. Greer.
Bethel— W. S. Farthing, C. J. Farthing, W. R. Vines.
Beaver Dam— G P Sherrill, Lee Swift, J R Eggers.
Rethany— Letter, no messenger.
Brushy Fork— Gordon Hodges, Grady Greene, L F Hodges.
Boone— Smith Hagaman, S C Eggers.
Blowing Rock— Letter, no messengers.
Cove Creek— D F Horton, J S McBride, A D Wilson.
Cool Spring— W C Payne.
Clarks Creek— Letter, no messengers.
Fall Creek— M W Storie.
Forest Grove— Roy Hagaman.
Gap Creek— Otto Miller.
Howards Creek— D W Cook, D L Setzer.
Laurel Springs— T S Watson, J B Clawson, Joe Coffey.
Middle Fork— L P Hodges, Frank Edmisten, W T Vankyke.
Meat Camp— J W Byers, H S Jones.
Mt Calvary— G W Brown.
Mt Gilead— Letter, no messengers.
Mt Lebanon— I N Minton.
Oak Grove— M G Danner, G D Teague, J W Hodges.
Pleasant Grove— J H Mast.
Proffits Grove— Frank Proffit, W A Proffit.
Rich Mountain— Letter, no messengers.
Samson— Letter, no messengers.
Shulls Mills— J B Reed.
South Fork— W G Cook, John Cox, T M Jones.
Stony Fork— D L Wellborn, J S Wellborn, J D Cook.
Three Forks— Henry Moretz, J C Brookshire, W H Hayes.
Timbered Ridge— J W McGuire, E B Hagaman.
Union— Filmore McGlamary, John Isaacs.
Willowdale— Letter, no messengers.
Zionville— Solomon Grogan, G C Greer, Geo Roten.
Zion Hill— M P Trivett, M A Ward.
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Order of Business 1927.

Before Noon, First Day: 10 A. M.

1. Annual Sermon— Rev. Levi Greene.
2. Address of Moderator.
3. Organization.
4. Call for New Churches and Cor. Messengers.
5. Appointment of Committees.
6. Reports of Committees on:—
 - Books and Periodicals,
 - Education.

After Noon, First Day.

Reports of Committees, continued:

Sunday Schools

B. Y. P. U.

W. M. U.

Orphanage

Ministerial Relief

Hospitals

Executive Committee.

Second Day, A. M.

Reports of Committees, Continued:

Temperance

Missions— State, Home, Foreign.

After Noon, Second Day

Reports of Committees, Continued

State of churches

Pastoral Support

Duties of Pastors to their Churches

Digest of Letters

Resolutions

Nominations

Report of, and Election of Treasurer

Report of, and Election of Colporteur

Time, Place and Preacher

Finance

7. Appointment of Standing Committees
8. Appoint some one to superintend Printing Minutes
9. Miscellaneous.

B. Y. P. U.

B. Y. P. U.				Woman's Work		Total Gifts, all Purposes
CHURCH	President & P.O.	Senior Unions	Intermediate	Junior Unions	Total Unions	Total Enrolled
						Daily Bible Readers
Bethel						
Beaverdam	Lee Swift, Reese, N. C.	..	..	1	54	54
Boone	Eula Hodges, Boone	1			25	59.13
"	Chas Farthing, "	1			26	361.22
"	Mrs McKinley Ayers		1		12	21.70
"						10.65
B. Rock	Mrs John Benfield B. R'k					2.25
Cove Cr'k						55.67
Mt Calvary	Ira Hodges, Banner Elk					
					40	

TABLE III.

CHURCHES	SUPT. & P. O.	SEC'Y & P. O.
Antioch.....	W. J. Farthing, Wat. Falls	L. W. Ward, Watauga Falls
Bethel.....	C. J. Farthing, Sugar Grove	D. F. Greene, Sugar Grove
Beaver Dam.....	J R Wilson, Reese	Frank Wilson, Reese
Bethany.....	L M Farthing, Hackett	Mrs Maud Michael, Balm
Brushy Fork.....	J H Hayes, Vilas	Gladys Mast, Lovill
Boone.....	W R Gragg, Boone	Nellie Coffey, Boone
Blowing Rock.....	J H Winkler, B. Rock	Beulah Wooten, B. Rock
Cove Creek.....	W F Sherwood, Sherwood	Bonnie McBride, Sherwood
Cool Spring.....	W C Payne, B. Rock	Ruth Cannon, B. Rock
Clarks Creek.....	No figures	
Elk Knob.....	No report	
Fall Creek.....	M W Storie, Heaton	Junie Jones, Heaton
Forest Grove.....	R E Moody, Vilas	Chas Dougherty, Vilas
Gap Creek.....	A G Miller, Deep Gap	Blanche Luther, Deep Gap
Howards Creek.....	W B Culler, Boone	D W Cook, Sands
Laurel Springs.....	Arthur Greene, Brownwood	Wilma Greer, Rutherford
Middle Fork.....	Allen Ashley, B. Rock	
Meat Camp.....	L W Byers, Boone	L A Greene, Zionville
Mt Calvary.....	Ira Hodges, Banner Elk	Bertha Painter, Balm
Mt Gilead.....	Smith Eggers, Beech Creek	Georgia Palmer B. Creek
Mt Lebanon.....	S B Hayes, Vilas	J C Danner, Vilas
Oak Grove.....	J C Hodges, Adams	Mary Lee Hodges, Adams
Pls'nt Grove.....	A B Culler, Zionville	Edna Cook, Zionville
Proffits Grove.....	L E Wilson, Boone	Mrs Bessie Proffit M. Camp
Rich Mountain.....	W A Pennell, Zionville	Beach Keller, Zionville
Samson.....	S J Turnmire, Penley	— — Bradshaw, Finley
Shulls Mills.....	G W Robbins, Shulls Mills	Mary Hatley, Shulls Mills
South Fork.....	I E Duncan, Todd	Ralph G Greer, Todd
Stony Fork.....	H H Smith, Deep Gap	J S Wellborn, Deep Gap
Three Forks.....	I T Barnett, Boone	Walter Edmisten, Boone
Timb'd Ridge.....	E B Hagaman, Beech Creek	Allie Farthing, Peoria
Union.....	J F Oliver, Mabel	Sallie Warren, Mabel
Willowdale.....	A J Greene, Vilas	Annie T Brinkley, Vilas
Zionville.....	G C Greer, Zionville	Hazel Reece, Zionville
Zion Hill.....	H A Hagaman Watauga Falls	Anna Edmisten, Wat. Falls

Note: Boone and Blowing Rock schools are in towns; Zionville, village, all others, country.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Teachers & Officers	Beginners 3 to 5 years	Primary 6-8	Juniors 9-12	Intermediate 13-16	Senior-Adult 17 and up	TOTAL	Graded?	Standard A-1?	Teachers Normal Diplomas	Baptisms From School	Local Church Gifts	Missions, Orphanage &c	Does Church have rooms for each class?
9	7	5	9	15	26	71	yes	no	1	....	11.35	.....	no
8	24	18	12	18	65	145	yes	no			29.22		yes
9	15	34	20	23	70	171	no	no	4		34.64	5.71	yes
7							no	no			7.00		
7		8	15	20	50	100	no	no		6	25.20	6.30	no
12	20	18	29	27	116	292	yes	no		17	188.00	139.61	yes
11						122						22.00	yes
9	8	25	20	15	60	137	no	no	1		38.20	45.37	yes
5						35	no	no			12.00	26.15	no
5	5	10	8	8	5	40					3.00		no
8		10	17	21	60	116	yes	no	9		49.46	35.37	no
6	18		20		25	69							no
6	20		20	25	30	95					15.82		no
8	48	35		50	85	226	yes		2	8	15.60	105.08	no
6		20	19	23	36	104					13.97	55.62	no
6	16		15	16	44	97					16.06		no
9	5	21	9	5	43	92	yes			7	17.00		no
6	17		18	11	28	80					14.98		no
6	25	12	12	14	27	90				3	24.01		no
						64					12.00		no
8		24	30	25	50	137				2	23.92		yes
7	21	18	22	11	31	110				1	21.08		no
5	14	8		10	10	47	no			7	5.00	4.80	no
4		6		8	10	28	no						
	12		9	14	16	51	no				28.33		no
8						169	no				57.93	42.50	no
6	20	10	18		35	89	yes				8.97	5.75	no
7	10		12	15	30	77				3	16.75	85.42	no
7		6	9	10	11	43					7.17	18.00	no
8						85					15.35		no
6	4	9	21	22	20	82					23.00		yes
9	12	13	13	23	54	124					29.88		yes
7		21	9		25	62					7.83	24.21	no

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Elder L. A. Hurst to preach the annual sermon;
Elder R. C. Eggers, alternate.

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W. Y. Perry	Clerk & Treas.,	Vilas, N. C.
R. C. Eggers	Colporteur,	Zionville, N. C.
A. J. Greene	Historian,	Vilas, N. C.

Executive Committee

G. P. Hagaman, J. H. Mast, D. D. Dougherty, W. N. Howell,
D. C. Mast, Smith Hagaman, and W. Y. Perry.

Ordained Ministers

Church	Name	Address	
Antioch	W. H. Glenn	Watauga Falls,	N. C.
Bethel	L. C. Wilson	Boone,	"
"	E. J. Farthing	Sugar Grove,	"
"	R. M. Farthing	Breda,	Alberta, Canada
Bethany	J. T. McGuire	Hackett,	N. C.
Boone	P. A. Hicks	Boone,	"
"	Roy Dotson	"	"
"	E. M. Gragg	"	"
Cove Creek	L. A. Hurst	Sherwood,	"
Cool Spring	W. C. Payne	Blowing Rock,	"
Forest Grove	W. Swift	Reese,	"
HowardsCreek	John Norris	Boone,	"
"	Edmond Greene	"	"
Middle Fork	R. H. Shores	Blowing Rock,	"
Mt Gillead	Lee Norris	Whaley,	"
Oak Grove	E. C. Hodges	Adams,	"
Proffits Grove	L. A. Wilson	Boone,	"
Samson	James Bradshaw	Blowing Rock,	"
South Fork	J. M. Griggs	Todd,	"
Stony Fork	W. H. Smith	Stony Fork,	"
Willowdale	G. W. Trivett	Vilas,	"
"	A. J. Greene	"	"
Zionville	R. C. Eggers	Zionville,	"

Roll of Messengers

- Antioch—J. W. Ward, J. L. Glenn, and W. J. Farthing.
Bethel—W. S. Farthing, Carl Farthing, Clyde Perry.
Beaver Dam—J H Robinson, Lee Swift, Geo Wilson.
Bethany—Fred Edmisten, Russell Farthing, Howard Edmisten.
Brushy Fork—S E Anderson, Clay Greene, D S Love.
Boone—Smith Hagaman, J A Williams, S C Eggers.
Blowing Rock—Mrs D P Coffey, Mrs T H Coffey.
Cove Creek—D C Mast, D F Horton, W Y Perry.
Cool Spring—J W Pennell.
Clarks Creek—C O Lawrence.
Fall Creek—W B Norris, Lawrence Storie.
Forest Grove—W E Roark, Ellis Moody, W R Johnson.
Gap Creek—No messengers. Letter.
Howards Creek—Ira Brown, D S Harris, L F Cottrell.
Laurel Springs—Arthur Greene, J B Clawson, Joseph Greer.
Middle Fork—Frank Edmisten, E F Shore, Ed Elrod.
Meat Camp—L A Greene.
Mt Calvary—No messengers. Letter.
Mt Gillead—G M Laurence, T M Warren, T M Stanberry.
Mt Lebanon—Ronda Earp.
Oak Grove—M G Barnes, J W Hodges, J G Hodges.
Pleasant Grove—J H Mast.
Proffits Grove—L E Wilson, Grady Wilson, J A Winebarger.
Rich Mountain—J M Cornell, H W McNeil, R L Ragan.
Samson—Letter, no messengers.
Shulls Mills—G W Robbins, J M Day.
South Fork—Will H McGuire, J L Tatum, W F Norris.
Stony Fork—J D Cook, W H Miller, J S Wellborn.
Three Forks—H G Cook.
Timbered Ridge—E B Hagaman, W L Greene.
Union—Raleigh Greene, Henry Norris.
Willowdale—I A Bumgarner.
Zionville—J R Isaacs, Solomon Grogan.
Zion Hill—E T Presnell, J R Trivett, Alvin Cannon.

PROCEEDINGS

August 30, 1927,

Beech Creek, N. C.

Three Forks Baptist Association met this day in its 87 annual session in the house of worship of Zion Hill church.

The congregation sang, How Firm a Foundation, Nearer My God, Amazing Grace and What a Friend.

Brother Braxton Craig read the 103 Psalm, after which Sweet By and Bye was sung. W. Swift then led in prayer. Bro. Craig then announced as his text: I am debtor. Rom. 1: 14. He discussed his subject 1, We owe a debt of gratitude. 2 We owe a debt of sympathy. 3, We are debtors of Christian comradeship. 4, We owe a debt of stewardship. 5, We are debtors for the hope of coming glory.

After the sermon J. A. McKaughan led in prayer.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator, who called for the church letters that had not been sent to the clerk. On motion of W. S. Farthing the letters were referred to the clerk.

L. C. Wilson moved that L. A. Hurst be asked to cast the ballot of the association for the present officers: Smith Hagaman moderator, W. Y. Perry, clerk. The ballot was so cast.

The Moderator invited corresponding messengers and visitors to announce themselves. The following responded: Braxton Craig, representing the Orphanage; J. A. McKaughan, representing Biblical Recorder and Missions; P. C. Stringfield, in interest of Christian Education; D. A. Greene from Avery Co. association; A. A. Mil-saps from Holston association, Tenn.

The Moderator appointed W. L. Greene and E. B. Hagaman as Com. on Finance.

Com. on Religious Exercises: Pastor and messengers of Zion Hill church.

Time, Place and Preacher: W. J. Farthing and J. R. Isaacs.

I. G. Greer read the report on Books and Periodicals. The report was discussed by J. A. McKaughan and I. G. Greer and adopted.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS

Church folks should be the best posted of any group of people. The nature of the Baptist organization demands that members of the Baptist Church be better read than the members of any other church. They, of all people, should think independently and make up their minds for themselves.

Reading and study should be three fold. They should read the Bible in order 1, to deepen their spirituality and give them 2, con-

victions on the Baptist doctrines, as found in the New Testament. To know what the Bible says is far more important than what some one has said about it.

Your committee urges upon the church members that they make a more systematic, careful study of the Bible.

People are interested in the things they know most about. Therefore our people should read the periodicals that tell of the work of our denomination. We have many people who spend more time criticising the work of the organization than they do informing themselves.

Your committee feels like the Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children should be in every Baptist home in this association. If these two papers were carefully read every week for one year, we would see a vast difference in the loyalty and intelligence of our church membership. Furthermore every Christian who is interested in the work of spreading the gospel should be a reader of Home and Foreign Fields. Our colporteur has a number of very fine books that we recommend to you.

One of the best ways to convince people of their faith is to compare what Baptists are doing and what they believe with other denominations. We therefore suggest that we should enlarge our field of reading in such a way that we may be able to make intelligent comparisons.

Finally your committee urges the parents to guard more carefully the reading matter of their children. It is our conviction that the young people would be better off if they would spend more time at home in the reading of good literature.

Chapell Wilson, I. G. Greer.

On motion adjourned to 1:30 for dinner. Benediction by L. A. Hurst.

AFTERNOON SESSION, First Day

The association reassembled at 1:30. Alas and Did My Saviour Bleed was sung. P. A. Hicks led in prayer.

The association was then called to order by the Moderator.

P. A. Hicks read the report on Christian Education. P. C. Stringfield of Mars Hill College discussed the report. Discussion was continued by L. C. Wilson. Report adopted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In recent years all of us, with rare exceptions, have become more proud of our State Schools of all grades and types. Primary schools, Grammar schools, High schools, Colleges, and our State University have rapidly grown in usefulness and efficiency. Also great hosts of teachers in these schools are devoted Christians who are giving a

Christian tone and influence to all our school life. In this we rejoice and hope that it may yet be even more so.

But when all this has been said there is a wide field of opportunity for our Baptist denominational schools. It is true we have but one High School left. At the same time we have 2000 boys and girls in our colleges.

In the past many of the state's leaders have come directly from our Baptist schools—lawyers, doctors, preachers, senators, congressmen, governors, judges, have received their training in these Baptist schools and colleges.

We must see to it that it shall always be this way. This shall be the leaven that shall leaven the whole lump—purify the home—the church—the State—its politics—its life.

All things worth while cost money. These schools must have money. To this end let all Baptists rally to their support in a way worthy of our colleges, and last but not least, worthy our Baptist boys and girls who are to "carry on" when we are gone.

J. A. Williams, A. Y. Howell.

The report on Sunday Schools was read and discussed by A. L. Hurst. Report adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Your committee on Sunday Schools has made a survey of our Association and find the following facts as to our progress:

1. Our schools are better graded.
2. Our enrollment has increased from year to year.
3. Our gifts have increased.
4. Our baptisms have not increased in proportion.
5. Our teachers are using more and better helps.
6. Many of our churches have provided rooms for Sunday School classes.

For the future we suggest this program:

1. That we use a better grade of music.
2. That we increase our enrollment.
3. That we use graded literature in the Beginner's and Primary Departments.
4. That we improve our teaching forces.
5. That we try to have a good library in each school.
6. That we provide Sunday school rooms as far as possible in our churches.

J. S. McBride, }
A. J. Greene, } Committee.

B.Y.P.U. report was read by Clyde R. Greene who led in the discussion which was continued by P. A. Hicks. Report adopted.

B. Y. P. U. REPORT

The B.Y.P.U. is first of all an organization of and for the young people of the Baptist church. Its primary purpose is to provide training along several lines for the young church member just when they need training most. Through it the church may discover and train those of its young people who are capable of leadership. The weekly programs of the B Y.P.U. are so arranged that each and every member has an opportunity to take part in the work; thus making the training individual, and thereby it has a tendency to develop the initiative in every member.

The five cardinal points in the B.Y.P.U. work is as follows:

1. Its training and fellowship tend to increase spirituality among young Christians.
2. It trains in essential church activities.
3. It increases knowledge of the Scriptures.
- 4 It instructs in Baptist doctrine and history.
5. It trains in Stewardship.

These five lines of much-needed training is sufficient to commend this organization to our churches, yet only 4 or 5 of our churches have the B Y.P.U. Since the Union is the Training School or Drilling Ground where the young church member is taught to keep step with the Church in all of its activities we beg to urge that all of our churches organize at least one Union.

Clyde R. Greene, Committe.

W. S. Farthing read the report on Baptist Orphanage

Braxton Craig discussed the report, after which it was adopted.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

While Orphanage work is not peculiar to Baptists, yet we remember with pleasure that, that great Baptist Statesman and Philanthropist, John H. Mills, began the Orphanage Work in N. C. when he founded the Masonic Orphanage at Oxford, N. C., and he was the moving spirit in establishing the first denominational orphanage in the State, the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, next to Wake Forest and Meredith Colleges, the greatest institution owned by the Baptists of North Carolina.

The Orphanage Association was organized in 1884. The first orphans were admitted in the fall of 1885.

The subject of the Orphanage was first considered by the Three Forks Association in 1886. At that time only 4 buildings had been completed and not well equipped; but from this small beginning, through the contributions and bequests of our people, have grown the two magnificent homes, the one at Thomasville, the other on the Kennedy Farm near Kinston, equipped as modern as the average

home, with an investment of approximately one million dollars and managed by able men and women of vision, for the training and uplift of unfortunate children.

In 1886 only 40 orphans were in the home, today 600 are in the two homes with 400 at home with their mothers and receiving aid from the Orphanage fund. A total of 3000 children have been admitted and partly trained and educated since the doors of the Institution were first opened for their reception.

In 1887 an aggregate of \$12.00 was contributed by the churches of this Association for its support but in the year 1926 an aggregate of \$1,186.44 was contributed by 28 churches, a greater amount than was given to any other object promoted by us and a greater number of churches paid to it than to any other object, showing that our people have become interested in this work.

While the above facts are encouraging, still the needs of the work increase as the years go by and as the scope and magnitude of the same increase. To provide for the present beneficiaries requires an expenditure of more than two hundred thousand dollars per year. A debt of fifty thousand dollars was also reported in the last annual report of the Supt., and in order to provide for all worthy applications for help, the capacity of the Orphanage should be doubled.

We recommend our churches and Sunday Schools to observe the month of November as Orphanage month and we urge every Baptist of the Three Forks Association to make his offering for that month equal to the proceeds of one day's labor or one day's income. If every Baptist in N. C. could do this the debt would be paid and the running expenses of the Homes provided for.

Respectfully submitted.

E. J. Farthing,)
W. S. Farthing, } Com.

The association adopted the report on Ministerial Relief after being read and discussed by L. A. Wilson.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

From the best information that we can get, we now have about one hundred and twenty old ministers or widows of ministers on our board that receive on an average of about \$120.00 per year, it ought to be much more. This fund ought to be increased until all these faithful servants of Christ have an adequate support in their old age. Let each pastor and church see that more liberal offerings be made for this worthy object. Resp'y submitted.

L. A. Wilson, John Norris, Committee.

P. A. Hicks read the report of the Executive Committee. A motion that discussion be deferred until tomorrow morning session.

A motion prevailed that Smith Hagaman be appointed as agent of

this association for the Orphanage.

A motion was passed to adjourn till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow was sung.

Benediction by R. C. Eggers.

SECOND DAY, Morning Session

Amazing Grace was sung by the congregation. Brother Craig read the 23 Psalm, then led in prayer, after which the "Fountain Filled With Blood" was sung. Bro. Craig then made a talk on the 23d Psalm explaining the conditions under which it was written.

The roll of messengers was called and absentees erased.

An opportunity for visitors to announce themselves was given, and the following announced themselves:

G. W. Sabastian from Brushy Mountain association.

From Watauga association, Tenn., E. A. & T. T. Hicks.

Mrs. I. G. Greer read the report on W. M. W. Roy Dotson led the discussion. Report adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK

The needs of our mission fields, both Foreign and Home, are so great that they call for the combined efforts of both men's and women's organizations. To show that we are not measuring up to the task we find the following facts:

Southern Baptists have on the Foreign Fields only ONE missionary to every MILLION persons. To come nearer home, we have in the South:

9,000 Baptist churches that had no baptisms last year.

16,424 churches without any work for the young people.

4,296 Baptist churches without pastors—not strong enough to support pastors.

Missions are not a failure in heathen lands but they are a failure in many Christians at home. In our own association last year, according to 1926 Minutes, there are 15 churches that didn't report a single penny given to missions, either home, foreign or State last year.

The five churches that do have active Woman's Missionary Societies gave last year (quoting from figures given in the Minutes) \$1,118.36 to Missions, while the other 30 churches gave all told \$238.55 to Missions, the few churches having Societies giving more than four and a half times as much as the 30 churches without Societies. While the W. M. U. does not claim the credit for any of this, does it not mean that the woman's organizations do stimulate the mission spirit? Your committee bespeaks for the efforts put forth by the Union your hearty co-operation. Resp'y submitted.

Mrs. D. D. Dougherty, Mrs. J. M. Moretz.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

To the Three Forks Baptist Association:—

Your Committee beg to submit the following :

1. That the Association endorse the co-operative plan of the Baptist State convention and fix a definite amount that it feels that it is willing and able to give and that this be divided among the churches in some equitable manner. (W. S. Farthing)

2. That it appears that a great deal of good could be accomplished if the pastors of the Association should organize a conference and have meetings at stated intervals to discuss the good of the Master's cause. (R. C. Eggers)

3. That the association should discourage all outside activities that have a tendency to hinder the deliberations of the Association in the church. That no preaching out of the church be provided for. (L. C. Wilson:)

4. That it is probable that a better system of conducting the Fifth Sunday Meetings could be worked out. (A. J. Greene.)

5. That it appears that a number of the churches of the Association do not send delegates and do not send their reports to the Association. Could not something be done to remedy this? (W. Y. Perry)

6. That the duties of the Executive Committee should be stated in a concrete form. (P. A. Hicks.)

Your Committee suggest that these questions be taken up one at a time and discussed and acted upon. Respectfully submitted.

Smith Hagaman, W. Y. Perry, G. P. Hagaman, J. H. Mast,
D. D. Dougherty, W. N. Howell, Floyd Ward.

The Association took up and discussed the report. W. S. Farthing, L. A. Hurst and others discussed the first item of the report. It was adopted. R. C. Eggers, L. A. Hurst, P. A. Hicks, discussed the second item of the report which was adopted.

R. C. Eggers was appointed Chairman of Pastors' Conferences.

L. C. Wilson discussed the third item of the report, followed by W. S. Farthing, E. A. Cox, John Norris. Adopted after being amended: "That it is the sense of this body that there should be no preparation for outside preaching at its sessions."

Item fourth the Executive Committee was instructed to work out a better system for holding the Fifth Sunday meetings.

P. A. Hicks submitted the following duties of Executive Committee which was adopted:

DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be annually appointed an Executive Committee whose

duties shall be as follows:

1. To employ faithful and efficient ministers to preach the gospel as held by Baptists in any section in our bounds now destitute of such preaching.
2. To assist the churches in the formation of fields where desired.
3. To assist the churches in the annual every-member canvass.
4. To arrange for the fifth Sunday meetings.
5. To present applications for pastoral aid, ministerial aid, and old ministers' relief.
6. To strive to enlist all of our churches in the Co-operative work of our denomination.
7. To suggest a budget for our association.
8. To have at least two meetings each year, one as early after the association as possible to arrange and make plans for the year's work and one before the association meets to gather reports and to survey the needs of the association so as to be able to offer any progressive measures to the association that they may deem wise.
9. To make an annual report to the association.

Respectfully submitted.

P. A. Hicks.

The report on Hospitals was adopted after being read by P. A. Hicks who discussed the same.

HOSPITAL

The Bible tells us that Jesus went about doing good and that central in His ministry was the healing of the sick. Trying to imitate our Master in this part of His work our Baptists of North Carolina have built and are maintaining our hospital at Winston-Salem. We have there a wonderful institution—wonderful in its accommodations, in its facilities for helping the sick, and in its ministry of love. There you will find the Christian Spirit dominant in every phase of hospital life.

With the meager income that we give our hospital it is doing a marvellous work. During the past year it cared for about 2000 patients, about 500 of whom were charity patients. Most of these were sent back home well and happy. These patients came from every part of the State. The number of charity patients is certainly growing and unless more aid is forthcoming from some source, many of these will have to be turned away during the year just before us.

Therefore your committee would urge upon the Baptists of this association three things:

1. Be more generous in your gifts to the Co-Operative Program. From this source the hospital receives 4 cents out of every dollar given, to pay on its indebtedness.

2. Be more liberal in the offering on Mother's Day. Mother's Day is the future hope of our hospital. Every cent raised on this occasion goes to charity. Let us stand by this day's offering, then, remembering that Jesus was referring to a ministry to the needy when He said: As often as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me."

3. Last but not least, that we pray earnestly for our hospital, for its Doctors, its Superintendent, its nurses, and for the patients who come to be ministered to.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. Hicks.

Roy Dotson read the report on Temperance, discussing the same. Report adopted.

TEMPERANCE

The subject of temperance is a live subject among all classes. The wet forces are striving desperately to regain their former possessions. The dry forces should be wide awake and wise to all of the policies used by the friends of alcohol.

A strong effort is being put forth to belittle the prohibition law. Many friends and foes are saying that conditions are worse than they were before we passed the Constitutional Amendment. This is having a damaging effect upon many people. We should inform ourselves as to the results of the prohibition law and be able to answer the false charges brought up. There are three things that every person should know and always keep in mind:

1- That the wet and dry forces are in a battle that will long endure.
2- That every man is on one side or the other and is a party in that conflict.

3- That the center of the engagement is in your own community.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Hagaman
Roy Dotson.

The report on State Missions was read by J. A. Williams.

L. C. Wilson read the report on Home Missions.

S. C. Eggers read the report on Foreign Missions.

STATE MISSIONS

The Baptist State convention was organized March 26, 1830 at Greenville with 14 members. The avowed purpose of this Convention has been to give the Gospel to North Carolina and then to all the world. God has been kind to us in this work and wonderfully blessed us.

In 1830 there were only 15,000 Baptists in North Carolina, white and colored, to day there are about 375,767 white Baptists alone and approximately 240,000 Negro Baptists, totaling around 600,000.

The first year the Convention met it reported \$700 for missions and education, the two objects to which it contribute 1. Last year, contributions to all benevolent objects, including the Orphanage, amounted to \$737,317.32.

The Board is helping to sustain, this year, 87 Missionary Pastors who are serving 147 churches. The report at our last Convention showed 118 Missionaries serving 200 churches, organizing 11 new churches, receiving by baptism 1921 and 1740 by letter and otherwise

The W. M. U. work under the management of Mrs. W. N. Jones is progressing nicely; there are now in the State 2,443 W. M. U. organizations with a membership of 40,326.

The Sunday School Department under the leadership of E. L. Middleton, Sec., now has 2,243 Sunday schools in the State, with a membership of 323,777.

The B. Y. P. U. Department with Perry Morgan Sec., has 2,066 B. Y. P. U. organizations, with approximately 60,000 members.

The Evangelistic department has been under the leadership of Rev. J. C. Canipe who has recently resigned.

For the last 30 or 40 years the Baptist cause has been gathering momentum. Slowly, but surely, we have been laying the foundation for a great work for the Master but in order to accomplish the things we have set out to do, and to carry out the Great Commission, we must be in earnest prayer. In order that we may enlist the 250,000 church members who are not actively engaged in the Lord's work, and to evangelize the 600,000 people over 10 years old who are not Christians, and to bring about a great revival of religion all over the State we must be much in prayer.

Therefore we recommend the hearty support and co-operation to the State Mission Board and may we each realize our duty, and press forward toward the goal that lies just ahead. May God add His blessings.

Respectfully submitted.

D. J. Cottrell.

HOME MISSIONS

What is Home Missions?

This is a farreaching and significant question that Southern Baptists are called upon to answer.

In submitting this report based upon 82 years of the work of the Southern Baptist Convention from its organization in 1845 your committee feel inclined not to deal at any great length with statistics but to impress our hearts with the fundamental principles involved in this vital question. How inspiring and encouraging are our achievements but we are humiliated when we are brought face to face with our failures

The great question that should be answered by every church in this Association and every preacher and every individual member is do I really believe in the great cause of missions or in giving the gospel to the lost nations of earth. If so how much do I believe in it?

Home Missions is the heart and soul of every other department of the work of the S. B. C. Building up a spirit of denominational loyalty and co-operation in evangelism was the outstanding work of the Baptist of the South from 1745-1845 and is still the outstanding vital issue before Southern Baptist today. Holy pride should seize every church for the privilege of being a component part of such a powerful organization for the world's redemption. Yes loyalty is the important word. To be loyal to Jesus Christ and his cause means more than language would convey. It covers all the ground. Talk about debts and obligations if you please.

If every preacher would enlist himself and be as faithful as he should in teaching his people their duty and obligations to the cause of missions. And if the unenlisted, indifferent and unconcerned of our people throughout the the S. B. C. would enlist themselves to a loyal and enthusiastic support of this great cause a new day would dawn upon this South land and upon the world.

The South is one of the greatest racial mission fields on earth.

Out of a total population of 40,685,000, we have 10,000,000 Negroes, 95,636 Indians, Chinese and Japanese 7,180, 1,282,217 Foreign born whites. More than 650,000 Mexicans, more than 50,000 of other foreign groups, a total population of foreign groups 4,224,217

The awful influx into the U. S. is alarming. Besides the 355,825 admitted by law the urge to come to America is so great that many more are smuggled in this year. They are coming with all their false religion or no religion and wrong views of Americanism. But the most destructive element and deadly foe is that element that brings with it the spirit of Roman Catholicism. But what is the remedy and who is sufficient for these things?

The answer to this is the Baptist when they shall awake to that obligation that rests upon them as it rests upon no others.

Enlistment and enlargement should be the watchword of every man that we may get ready for this stupendous task by making strong every department of our work and especially our Baptist schools for herein lies the hope of the Baptist of the South.

And they shall all see eye to eye when the Lord shall bring again Zion.

Respectfully sub.

L. C. Wilson.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Total number of churches 1,215; Sunday schools 1819; out stations 3247; church members, 140,488; Sunday school enrollment, 76,991; missionaries, 513; native helpers, 2,744; number of hospitals, 9; physicians 18; nurses 11; native physicians and nurses, 27; total number of cases treated, 69,583; additions to churches by baptism, 12,085.

These gratifying results have been achieved in the face of trying difficulties and handicaps.

The receipts of the Board this year from the Co-operative Program were \$930,214; from designated gifts and other sources, \$653-263.93; total receipts, \$1,633,477.93. The debt has been reduced to \$743,799; not including outstanding letters of credit.

In view of the facts that these figures present, it would seem that we as Southern Baptists, should take new courage in the work of Foreign Missions and rally to the cause that will hold us in keeping with the records we have already made.

We recommend that all the pastors preach one or more mission sermons during the year and take a collection for same.

Dean Swift, S. C. Eggers, Committee.

Adjourned for dinner, the discussion of Missions to be the order afternoon. Benediction by E. A. Cox.

AFTERNOON SESSION, Second Day

Services were begun by singing How tedious and tasteless the hours When Jesus no longer I see.

The association was called to order by the Moderator.

The Treasurer read his report. Report adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received for Minutes,	\$75.18
" Orphanage,	3.00
" Co-op. Program,	15.17
Total,	<u>\$95.15</u>

Disbursements:

To Walters Durham for Co-op. Program,	\$15.17
" F. B. Hamrick for Orphanage,	3.00
" Clerk for services,	7.50
" Will H. McGuire for printing minutes & post.	57.65
" Clerk and treasurer for postage,	.30
	<u>\$93.62</u>
Bal. in treasury,	\$ 1.53

Report adopted and W. Y. Perry was re-elected treasurer.

R. C. Eggers read his report as

COLPORTEUR

Books and cash reported last year,	\$60.00
Books bought this year,	33.00
Books sold this year,	32.91
Books on hand,	57.15
Cash on hand,	2.85
Total,	\$60.00

R. C. Eggers.

R. C. Eggers was re-elected as Colporteur and instructed to dispose of soiled books on hand as he thinks best.

The report on the State of the Churches was read by R. C. Eggers. Report adopted.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES

The Three Forks Association was organized in 1841 at Three Forks Church, with 10 churches and 5 ordained ministers and a membership of 270. At present we have 35 churches with a membership of about 4000, and 23 ordained ministers.

The minutes show the following with regard to Pastors' Salaries in our churches: pastors received in 1925, \$5,286.25, while in 1926 they received \$5,691.39. The churches received by baptism in 1925, 199 while in 1926 we received only 153. Your committae believes that the Spiritual condition of our churches is on the decline which has been brought about mostly from lack of discipline.

Since the adoption of last year's resolutions, we hear no more of alien immersion or open communion in our churches, therefore we urge that every church in this association stand for the fundamental doctrines of the New Testament.

R. C. Eggers.

The report on Time, place and Preacher was read by W. J. Farthing and adopted.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We the Committee on Time and Place for the Association to meet next year beg to submit the following report:

Time, Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August 1928. Meet at 2 o'clock and hold 2½ days. Place, Middle Fork Baptist church.

Elder L. A. Hurst to preach the introductory sermon. Elder R. C. Eggers alternate.

J. R. Isaacs, W. J. Farthing, Committee.

The discussion of Missions was begun by J. A. McKaughan, who confined his remarks to the Co-op. Program. Bro. Craig followed, discussing Missions. Reports all adopted.

Report on Pastoral Support was read by the Clerk. W. J. Farthing discussed the report. Report adopted.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

Pastoral support is a more vital question than many of us realize. The support which a pastor should receive is two-fold. First, we should give him temporal support that he may give himself wholly to preparation for the proclamation of the Word, as well as, visiting his members in their homes, as this is one of the most important duties of a pastor.

Second, he should have our sympathy and prayers, as he deserves encouragement in all the ways we can give it instead of censure.

There was a time when Three Forks Association stood second to no association in N. C. in native men of ability and preparation for preaching.

God allows things that are not appreciated and used as they should be to be removed from us and given to others who will appreciate and use them. God allowed the gospel to be taken from the Jews and given to the gentiles because of the rejection of His Son.

May not our present dearth of strong gospel preachers, in this association, be due to the fact, we did not appreciate and support the men of former days as we should. Let us take warning and support our pastors:—

G. P. Sherrill, W. Y. Perry.

Will H. McGuire read the report on Duties of Pastors to their Churches. Report adopted.

DUTIES of PASTORS

First of all, it is the pastors duty to know his people— their needs, their environments and their aspirations. And in order to do this it is necessary for him to see them in their homes and in their everyday affairs and thus discovering their needs, he is in an advantageous position to administer to them.

He should be a real shepherd, leading, directing and encouraging his flock in every good work.

He should preach the rugged gospel truth, teaching, exhorting, rebuking, without fear or favor, not shunning to declare the whole counsel of the gospel, let it strike where it may. Pleasant thinking and comfortable preaching will never awake the world from death nor stir the souls of the church members to a realization of their duties and responsibilities. He must preach to his church with conviction and the power of a compelling consecration, praying always for the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit.

The pastor should ever study and plan to have every member on his job and interested in his individual work and in the work of the

church collectively.

To be sure, the pastor should be kind and sympathetic, ever ready to speak the word of comfort to the troubled and unfortunate one, to encourage the faltering one, and to extend an uplifting influence to the fallen one; to "always abound in the work of the Lord."

He should be a teacher, keeping his people informed on the vital fundamental principles upon which the Church is founded, so they will be steadfast and grounded in the truth to that degree that they will not drift after every kind of doctrine that may be presented to them, but keep them pressing forward toward the goal, with every impediment of doubt, uncertainty and indifference laid aside.

Will H. McGuire, Com.

A motion prevailed that the Chairman of Executive Committee act as agent for this association of the State Mission Board.

A motion was carried to incorporate a report on Baptist Co-operative Program in the minutes.

CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

The General Board of the Pap. State Convention at its June meeting adopted \$600,000 as the goal for North Carolina Baptists to raise in 1928 for all the objects included in the Co-operative Program except the Orphanage:

This objective is to be divided equally between State-wide and South-wide objects as follows:

State-wide Objects:— Out of each dollar given, unless otherwise designated, the objects will receive the following amounts:

State Missions 23 cents, Baptist Schools 23 cents, Baptist Hospital 4 cents. Total 50 cents

South-wide Objects:— Foreign Missions 25 cents, Home Missions 11¼ cents, Theological Seminaries 8¼ cents, Ministers Relief 4½ cents, New Orleans Hospital 1 cent. Total 50 cents.

In cooperation with other associations of the State we recommend that this association adopt the above ratio of division of its funds and that it set as its goal for 1928 \$ _____, which is a little more than the association raised for the Co-operative Program for 1926; that this amount be apportioned upon a fair basis among all the churches of this association by the Ex. Com. or by a special committee; and that each church try to raise its objective by making an every member canvass Dec. 4-11, the Southwide date set, or at some other time as may seem best, or to raise it by some way adopted by the church.

In order to make canvass successful we recommend that thorough and prayerful preparation be made for several weeks in advance, tell the people about the objects represented in the Program.

We also recommend that a Mission Leader be elected to represent

this association in its dealing with the general State organization, and that this Mission Leader in co-operation with the Ex. Com. of the association, communicate with each local church and try to effect an organization consisting of a Mission Leader and a Mission Committee of four others at least, and to cooperate with this committee in putting on and carrying through this Program for 1928.

Lee Swift read the report on Nominations. Report adopted.

NOMINATIONS

We your Committee on Nominations recommend the following:

For Executive Committee: G. P. Hagaman, J. H. Mast, D. D. Dougherty, W. N. Howell, D. C. Mast with the Mod. and Clerk.

Member State Board of Missions: A. J. Greene.

Associational Vice Pres. Foreign Mission Board: W. Y. Perry.

Sunday School Secretary: Roy Dotson.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention: Smith Hagaman.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention: L. C. Wilson, W. S.

Farthing, P. A. Hicks.

Corresponding Messengers to Associations:

To the Ashe: L. A. Wilson, J. M. Griggs, Will H. McGuire.

To Stony Fork: L. C. Wilson, R. C. Eggers, G. W. Robbins.

To Caldwell Co.: P. A. Hicks, L. C. Wilson, W. T. Vandyke.

To Watauga: L. A. Hurst, W. S. Farthing, W. F. Reese.

To Mitchell Co.: John Norris, W. A. Braswell, E. C. Hodges.

To Avery Co.: E. J. Farthing, W. H. Glenn, W. J. Farthing.

To Brushy Mtn.: L. A. Hurst, Levi Greene, I. G. Greer.

Lee Swift, J. R. Eggers, Com.

L. C. Wilson read the report on Resolutions. Report adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, That the preachers, messengers, and members of the churches shall go back to our churches, determined to put on an honest, earnest and faithful effort to raise the standard of our churches in support of the Lord's cause in all that it means.

Resolved, That the Association express our thanks to the Zion Hill church and the people of the community for the noble way in which the Association has been cared for.

Resolved, That the Association express our thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for their faithful services.

Resolved, That the Association express our appreciation for the presence and helpful service of our visiting brethren.

G. W. Robbins, L. C. Wilson, Com.

The Moderator read his appointments of

Committees for 1928

State Missions—P. A. Hicks, D. D. Dougherty.
 Home Missions—A. J. Greene, M. J. Williams.
 Foreign Missions—L A Hurst, W F Sherwood.
 Christian Education—L C Wilson, Sam Horton.
 Pastoral Support—I G Greer, Bert Farthing.
 Duties of Pastors to Churches—W Y Perry, Dean Swift.
 Sunday Schools—Roy Dotson, J F Moore.
 Baptist Orphanage—R C Eggers, John Norris.
 Books and Periodicals—W S Farthing, G W Robbins.
 Resolutions—E J Farthing, Iredell Bumgarner.
 State of Churches—Alex Wilson, L C Wilson.
 Temperance—J A Williams, L M Farthing.
 Old Ministers Relief—Chas Mast, Smith McBride.
 Woman's Work—Mrs T H Coffey, Mrs D P Coffey.
 B. Y. P. U.—G P Hagaman, Clyde R Greene.
 Nominations—Wm Farthing, John Ward.
 Baptist Hospital—J R Isaacs, John Mast.
 Order of Business—W Y Perry. Report adopted.

The Finance Committee read their report. Report adopted.

FINANCE

We your Com. on Finance have received from the churches for:

Printing Minutes	\$57.07
Special Collection from Association,	9.62
Hospital,	4.00
Missions,	7.75
Orphanage,	3.50
Total,	\$81.94

E. B. Hagaman, W. L. Greene.

A motion prevailed that the Clerk superintend the printing of the Minutes and allow him his usual fee of \$7.50 for his services.

A motion prevailed that the Moderator appoint a man to organize a trip to the Orphanage and Baptist Hospital of Sunday school Supts.

W. J. Farthing was appointed to organize the trip for the Supts.

A motion prevailed to adjourn to time and place.

P. A. Hicks conducted the closing exercises.

Benediction by G. W. Sabastian.

W. Y. PERRY,
Clerk.

SMITH HAGAMAN,
Moderator.

W. M. U. MINUTES

The W. M. U. of Three Forks Association met for their 14th annual session with Cove Creek Church Oct 11, 1927.

Devotional service in charge of Mrs. J. D. Brown.

Address of welcome by Mrs. Enoch Swift. Response by Mrs. Smith Hagaman.

The Superintendent then called for reports of societies. Each society reported, and sent representatives as follows: Boone 16, Blowing Rock 10, Bethel 4, Beaver Dam 1, Cove Creek 13.

Mrs. Lee Mast delivered an address on The Value of Christian Literature. Solo by Miss Lucy Moretz.

Report on Mission Study, by Mrs. J. D. Brown. Two mission study classes in Union during year.

Next, Mrs. Smith Hagaman made a splendid talk on The Baptist Hospital Faith of Our Fathers was sung.

Mrs. Russell Hodges gave a splendid reading on The Ruby Anniversary.

The Superintendent then made her annual report, emphasizing the great need of enlistment and the recognition of our stewardship.

An open conference was conducted by Mrs. Edna R. Harriss, Corresponding Secretary of the State W. M. U.

Dr. Camel then delivered an exceptionally inspiring address.

Subject: We've a Story to Tell The Nations.

The Supt. then appointed the following committees:—

Nominating Committee—Mrs. J. R. Mast, Mrs. J. L. Qualls, Mrs. Lee Swift, Mrs. Joe Winkler, Mrs. Margaret Perry, and Miss Anna Edmisten.

Time and Place—Mrs. D. F. Coffey, Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Nan Johnson and Mrs. W. W. Wilson.

Recommendations—Mrs. D. F. Horton, Mrs. J. M. Hodges.

Resolutions—Mrs. W. C. Greer, and Mrs. R. S. Swift.

Periodicals—Mrs. Smith Hagaman, Mrs. Enoch Swift.

The session adjourned for lunch. Benediction by L. C. Wilson.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a beautiful song service, Rev. L. A. Hurst conducted the afternoon devotional.

Mrs. Hurst then read an obituary of Mrs. Charlotte Williams. Mrs. John McBride also having died during the year.

Mrs. D. D. Dougherty then delivered a splendid address on Five Ascending Steps in giving: The Tithe, Proportionate Giving, Abounding Liberality, Heroic Giving, Love's Offering.

The following Junior societies then brought reports:

Cove Creek—Y. W. A.'s	Boone—Girls Auxiliaries
Boone—	Boone—Royal Ambassadors
Boone—Sunbeams	Cove Creek—Sunbeams
Blowing Rock—Sunbeams	

An inspiring address by Mrs. Edna R. Harris followed.

The Cove Creek Sunbeams gave a splendid program under the direction of their leader, Mrs. Louisa Mast.

The Supt. reminded the Union that we have been trying out quarterly meetings during the past year, and by common consent of the Union decided to continue these through the following year.

Report on recommendations was read and adopted.

Mrs. W. C. Greer read the report on Resolutions extending thanks to Cove Creek church and society for their gracious hospitality, and expressing appreciation for the encouragement and help given by the brethren present, and extending thanks to Mrs. Edna Harris for the inspiration she brought to the meeting.

The Nominating Committee made the following report:

Mrs. I. G. Greer, Supt.

Mrs. D. P. Coffey, Ast. Supt.

Mrs. W. W. Wilson, Sec.

Mrs. Sam Horton, Young Peoples Leader.

Mrs. J. D. Brown, Mission Study.

Mrs. Smith Hagaman, Personal Service Chairman.

Mrs. L. A. Hurst, Stewardship Chairman.

Report unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Time and Place reported that the next Union would meet with Boone church next year. The exact time to be set by Ex. Com.

Mrs. Selmer Fuller brought greetings from the Watauga W. M. U.

Report on Religious Periodicals.

Report adopted.

A collection was taken for a minute fund and received \$3.96.

On motion adjourned. Benediction by R. C. Eggers.

Mrs. I. G. Greer, Supt.

Mrs. W. W. Wilson, Sec.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	CLERKS & P. O.	Days of Meeting	Members Last year	Rec by Baptism	By Letters	Restorations	Lost: Letters	Exclusions	Deaths	Total Membership	Prayer Meetings	Reverals	Lord's Supper	Families taking Recorder
Antioch.....	c 1848 L. W. Ward, Watauga Falls	1	174	11	4	1	8	3	5	174	no	1	2	1
Bethel.....	c 1851 W R Vines, Sugar Grove	NC	4	197	13	1	6	4	..	201	yes	1	2	5
Beaver Dam.....	c 1874 Clyde B Reese, Reese	"	2	149	12	6	2	1	1	164	no	1	2	5
Bethany.....	c J L Triplett, Matney		84	1				1		84	yes	1	1	0
Brushy Fork.....	c 1858 L M Trivett, Vilas	3	137				2	8		127	no	1	2	
Boone.....	t 1871 G W Gragg, Boone	2,3,4	308	21	36	13	13	1	1	367	yes	1	2	109
Blowing Rock.....	t S T Icenhour, Blowing Rock	1	150	1	1	1	3		1	148	no	1	1	
Cove Creek.....	c 1799 J S McBride, Sherwood	1&3	162	6	9	3	3		4	170	no	1	2	6
Cool Spring.....	c 1886 R K Hartley, Blowing Rock	3	100		3	3	2		1	100	yes	1	2	
Clarks Creek.....	c J S Byrd, Banner Elk	4	46				5		1	41	no	1	2	
Elk Knob.....	c No report													
Fall Creek.....	c 1885 T B Gryder, Heaton	2	45	9	5					59	no	2	2	
Forest Grove.....	c 1889 W R Johnson, Vilas	3	147	12		2	3		1	157	no	1	2	2
Gap Creek.....	c Thos Fairchild, Deep Gap	2	83	10	3					96	no	1	2	
Howards Creek.....	c 1882 L F Cottrell, Boone	3	115		3		6	3		102	yes	1	2	
Laurel Springs.....	c 1873 J B Clawson, Deep Gap	4	176		1		2	1	3	171	no	0	1	
Middle Fork.....	c 1905 Frank Edmisten, Blowing Rock	4	91	2	2		2			93	yes	1	2	
Meat Camp.....	c 1851 L A Greene, Boone	3	138				5		3	130		0	2	
Mt Calvary.....	c W H Shoemaker, Balm	2	135	6	1		2	1		139	yes	1	2	
Mt Gilead.....	c O H Trivett, Beech Creek		95	23	1					119	no	1	2	
Mt Lebanon.....	c 1891 T T Danner, Valle Crucis	2	120	10	3	1				134	no	1	2	
Oak Grove.....	c J C Hodges, Adams		76		1	1				78	no	1	2	
Pleasant Grove.....	c 1891 J H Mast, Zionville	4	265		1		6	1	1	258	no	1	2	6
Profits Grove.....	c 1921 D L Greene, "	2	75	8	3				1	85	no	1	2	6

WOMAN'S WORK

CHURCHES	No. Societies	No. Y. W. A.'s	No. G. A.'s	No. R. A.'s	No. Sunbeams	Total W M U	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A.'s Members	G. A.'s Members	R. A.'s Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members	Mission Study Course	Gifts to Local Work	Gifts to Missions &c	Total Gifts
Bethel	1	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	8	..	5.15	70.20	75.35
Beaver Dam	1	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	10.00	48.34
Boone	1	1	1	1	1	5	60	24	28	15	25	152	60	150.46	307.45	457.91
Blowing Rock	1	1	..	..	..	1	12	..	..	..	..	15	..	57.35	..	57.35
Cove Creek	1	1	..	..	..	1	25	15	..	..	30	70	..	50.00	75.85	125.85

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

CHURCHES	Senior Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions	Seniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Systematic Givers	Daily Bible Readers
Boone	1	1	1	3	30	25	28	83	50	20
Cove Creek	1	..	..	1	25	..	..	25	..	6

CHURCH PROPERTY

CHURCHES	Does your Ch. own its house of worship?	When built	Material used	Persons Seated	No. Rooms	Are all De- sires of S.S. provided for?	Are all classes provided for?	Value Church house and grounds	Value Pastors home	Value all Ch. Property	Debit on Ch. Property	Insurance Carried
Antioch	yes	1902	wood	300	1	no	no	1500	-----	1500		
Bethel	yes	1924	brick	350	7	yes	yes	8000		8000	516.50	
Beaver Dam	yes	1924	wood	300	5	yes	yes	3500		3500		
Bethany	yes		wood	250	1	no	no	600		600		
Brushy Fork	yes	1885	wood	500	1	no	no	2500		2500		
Boone	yes	1915	brick	700	10	yes	yes	25000	5000	30000		6000
Blowing Rock	yes	1922	brick	200	7	yes	yes	17000		17000		
Cove Creek	yes	1923	"	250	7	yes	yes	15000	1500	16500	1450	
Cool Spring	yes	1908	wood	300	1	yes	yes	1500		1500		
Clarks Creek	yes		wood	200	1	no	no					
Elk Knob	yes			No report.								
Fall Creek	yes	1927	wood	300	1	no	no	750		750		
Forest Grove	yes	1907	wood	400	1	yes	yes	1200		1200		
Gap Creek	yes		wood	300	1	no	no	1200		1200		
Howards Creek	yes	1900	wood	300	1	no	no	700		700		
Laurel Springs	yes	1894	wood	500	1	no	no	1500		1500		
Middle Fork	yes	1903	wood	400	1	curt.	yes	1800		1800		
Meat Camp	yes	1927	wood	600	5	yes	yes	5000		5000		
Mt Calvary	yes		wood		1	no	no	1000		1000		
Mt Gillead	yes		wood	200	1	no	no	3000		3000		
Mt Lebanon	yes	1891	wood	300	1	no	no	800		800		
Oak Grove	yes	1922	wood	400	1	no	no	2500		2500		
Pleasant Grove	yes	1891	wood	500	5	yes	yes	1500		1500		
Profits Grove	yes	1920	wood	300	1	no	no	1000		1000		
Rich Mountain	yes	1905	wood		1	no	no	1000		1000		
Samson	yes		wood		1	no	no	200		200		
Shulls Mills	yes	1888	wood	500	1	no	no	2000		2000		
South Fork	yes	1900	wood	400	1	no	no	2000		2000		
Stony Fork	yes	1900	wood	400	1	no	no	1000		1000		
Three Forks	yes	1922	wood	500	1	yes	yes	3500		3500		
Timbered Rdg.	yes	1912	wood	300	1	no	no	1200		1200		
Union	yes		wood	500	1	no	no	800		800		
Willowdale	yes	1923	wood	300	7	yes	yes	8000		8000	1100	
Zionville	yes	1927	wood	300	6	yes	yes	5000		5000		
Zion Hill	yes	1886	wood	500	2	yes	no	1500		1500		

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	SECRETARIES & P. O.		Officers and Teachers	Beginners	3-5 years	Primaries	Junior years	9-12 years	Intermediates 13-16 years	Young People 17-24 years	Adults 25 years & up	Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Is the School Graded?	Teachers hold diplomas	Baptisms from School	Gifts to Local Church work	To Missions, Orphanage &c	Have a Mission S. S?	Daily Bible Vac'n School?	Enrollment	Average Attendance
Antioch.....	c	L. W. Ward, Watanga Falls NC	8	3	6	8	11	12	12				60	22	yes	1	7	17.43	5.25	no	no		
Bethel.....	c	D F Greene, Sweet Water	8	32	27	16	20	26	40				116	114	yes		13	35.00	22.54	no	yes	24	18
Beaver Dam.....	c	Frank Wilson, Reese	9	20	30	18	15	12	40				154	95	no	4	3	16.44	12.83	no	no		
Bethany.....	c	Lola Edmisten, Matney	7		15	7		8	6	14			50		no			10.00		"	"		
Brushy Fork.....	c	Gladys Mast, Lovill	7										95	60				24.40					
Boone.....	t	R M Greene, Boone	13	26	33	39	28	60	311				510	281	yes	5	18	226.16	141.76				
Blowing Rock.....	t	J H Winkler, Blowing Rock	10										200	150	yes			71.90	33.30				
Cove Creek.....	c	Pearl Davis, Vilas	11	8	25	20	15	30	50				159	120	yes		5	74.02	66.50				
Cool Spring.....	c	Virgie Rogers, Blowing Rock	5										50	35	yes			13.00	27.00				
Clarks Creek.....	c	No figures given.																					
Elk Knob.....	c	No letter.																					
Fall Creek.....	c	Eliza Norris, Heaton	5	5	10	8		8	5				45	40	no			2.40					
Forest Grove.....	c	Chas Dougherty, Vilas	9	8	13	12	15	34	18				109	65	no			30.00	30.80				
Gap Creek.....	c	Leona Lookabill, Deep Gap	5		16		19		35				70	35	no			9.47					
Howards Creek.....	c	Edmond Greene, Boone	6		10		10	10	20				56	25	no			11.19					
Laurel Springs.....	c	Joseph Greer, Rutherford	6	32		24	35		50				147	75	yes	1		10.99	4.55				
Middle Fork.....	c	Belle Edmisten, Blowing Rock	6		8	4	5		17				40	34	no			17.21	19.00				
Meat Camp.....	c	M C Brown, Boone	6	15		16			36				90	45	no			9.00					
Mt Calvary.....	c	Ollie Hodges, Banner Elk	8		12	13	10		15				64	45	no					9.39			
Mt Gilead.....	c	Velma Warren, Butler, Tenn.	4		6	8	18		22				54		no			14.24					
Mt Lebanon.....	c	J C Danner, Vilas	6	20	10	14	12		9	15	8	88	80	no			20.06	19.45					
Oak Grove.....	c	Leola Hodges, Adams	6	11		14		20	18				69	40	no			20.00	4.58				
Pleasant Grove.....	c	Annie Adams, Zionville	6		30	25	30	24	20				135	75	no			25.80					
Profits Grove.....	c	Bessie Proffit, Meat Camp	6	21		18	22	13	31				111	63	no			32.71	9.34				
Rich Mountain.....	c	Beach Keller, Zionville	5	10	8		8		9				40	30	no								
Samson.....	c	No report.																					
Shulls Mills.....	v	Garman Garland, Shulls Mills	6	16		6		9	11				48	48	no			15.80					
South Fork.....	v	Ralph G Greer, Todd	6										133	40	no			43.60	25.00				
Stony Fork.....	c	J S Wellborn, Deep Gap	8	20	20	20	18		42				134	100	no			17.75	5.00				
Three Forks.....	c	Walter Edmisten, Boone	8	12		15	20		12				67	65	no			25.00	112.50				
Timbered Rdg.....	c	Lucy Smitherman, Peoria	6		13	12	10	10	8				59	43	no		10	6.00	12.19				
Union.....	c	Lillian Thomas, Mabel	9										85					18.23					
Willowdale.....	c	Annie Tott Brinkley, Vilas	10	10		10	8	18	25				81	78	no	1		20.00	14.00				
Zionville.....	c	Mary Miller, Zionville	9	17	9	21	16	29	55	161	72	135					12	20.00					
Zion Hill.....	c	Viola Harman, Beech Creek	7										46	no				10.34	29.76				

GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK

CHURCHES	TREASURERS & P. O.	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help	Building & Repairs	Incident-als	Literature SS & BVP	To Local Poor	Minutes & Clerk	Other Objects	Total local Church Expenses
Antioch.....	J. L. Glenn, Watauga Falls, N.C.	83.12				9.85	17.43	13.50	1.65	7.40	132.95
Bethel.....	E.J. Farthing, Sugar Grove "	145.94		80.12	558.13	42.00	35.00	13.00	4.50	22.69	901.38
Beaver Dam.....	Lee Swift, Reese	133.70		34.10	24.00	16.00	29.27		4.12		241.19
Bethany.....	L J Michael, Matney	130.85	18.62				10.00		75		148.47
Brushy Fork.....	Gordon Hodges, Sugar Grove	177.28		36.50	4.08	18.00	24.00	50.00	3.50	5.25	317.61
Boone.....	A Y Howell, Boone	1149.75	93.00	300.00	244.45	336.66	152.83	38.19	5.00	334.46	2650.38
Blowing Rock.....	Mrs J D Brown, Blowing Rock	600.00				73.25	71.90		3.00	57.35	802.50
Cove Creek.....	D F Horton, Vilas	800.00		87.56	1100.00	57.00	57.75		5.00	33.00	2140.31
Cool Spring.....		112.00	21.88	14.38		18.00	13.00	20.00	2.50		201.76
Clarks Creek.....		39.75							.60		40.45
Elk Knob.....	No report										
Fall Creek.....	T B Gryder, Heaton	70.90	18.00		725.00	1.00	2.80		1.00		780.30
Forest Grove.....	W R Johnson, Vilas	97.00		26.94			17.10	1.70	2.24	9.62	154.60
Gap Creek.....	Thos Fairchild, Deep Gap	89.16		23.75	37.98	9.50	6.37		1.60		168.36
Howards Creek.....	D W Cook, Sands	160.00		22.00		12.00	11.19		2.00		207.19
Laurel Springs.....	J B Clawson, Deep Gap	60.65		7.02			10.99		2.00	6.00	86.66
Middle Fork.....	L P Hodges, Blowing Rock	149.17		18.65		20.56	17.21		1.50	28.04	241.13
Meat Camp.....	W C Brown, Boone	140.00			5000.00	9.50	9.00		1.50		5749.50
Mt Calvary.....	E F Chapell, Balm	250.00		53.55					2.10	10.56	314.86
Mt Gillead.....	W L Greenwell, Beech Creek	43.30		23.00			14.24		2.00		82.54
Mt Lebanon.....	J C Danner, Vilas	66.90		36.50	104.83		20.06		1.30		229.83
Oak Grove.....	Cleve Gross, Adams	100.00		25.00		20.00	12.00	20.00	2.10		141.10
Pleasant Grove.....	J H Mast, Zionville	148.00	18.58	66.58	15.00	21.88	25.80	34.00	3.00		333.84
Proffits Grove.....	D L Greene, "	89.51		25.30		7.30	32.71	28.66	2.50	2.52	188.50
Rich Mountain.....	H W McNeil, "	43.72	1.75		40.00	4.00			1.80		93.77
Samson.....		25.00							.55		25.55
Shulls Mills.....	J B Reed, Shulls Mills	75.00		7.75	39.83		15.80		1.50		139.88
South Fork.....	W G Cook, Todd						43.10		2.00		43.10
Stony Fork.....	D L Wellborn, Stony Fork	101.20			90.00	15.00	15.00		2.10		223.20
Three Forks.....	H G Cook, Boone	232.00				35.00	25.00		2.50		294.50
Timbered Rdg.....	E B Hagaman, Beech Creek	45.45		26.00	10.00	2.40	10.00		1.50		95.35
Union.....	M L Warren, Mabel	119.84		32.85			18.23		1.05		171.97
Willowdale.....	D L Glenn, Vilas	124.00			360.00	34.00	20.00		2.00		540.00
Zionville.....	E H Wilson, Zionville	152.24		69.52	2694.31	14.10	28.00	14.15	3.80	36.11	2981.23
Zion Hill.....		97.52		37.00	200.80				1.50		336.82

GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS ETC. 1927

CHURCHES	Cooperative Program	Association Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	Schools and Colleges	Hospitals	Orphanage	Aged Minis- ters' Relief	Foreign Relief	Total Missions & Education & Benevolences	Grand Total: Local, Mis- sions, etc.	Tithers	Local Budget	Budget for Missions Etc.	Pledges to Co- op. Program
Antioch.....			3.00					2.25	5.25		.50	10.50	142.50				
Bethel.....	123.00				22.60				34.80			180.40	1091.78				
Beaver Dam.....			12.67	4.40	60.16			5.61	32.73	3.51	40.68	159.82	401.01				
Bethany.....				2.50	2.50				4.00			9.00	157.47				
Brushy Fork.....			10.00	5.00	6.00	1.10		6.22	136.55	1.00		165.87	484.88				
Boone.....	361.41		47.20	43.81	149.20		150.00		335.89	6.03	27.98	1121.52	3771.90	12	3522	1000	1000
Blowing Rock.....				15.47	10.00			13.21				71.98	874.48				200
Cove Creek.....	142.56					1.00	13.15		107.36		5.25	269.32	2409.63	3			
Cool Spring.....									66.00			66.00	267.76				
Clarks Creek.....													40.30				
Elk Knob.....																	
Fall Creek.....													798.30				
Forest Grove.....	24.98											24.98	240.38				
Gap Creek.....													168.36				
Howards Creek.....									55.00	3.50		58.50	265.69				
Laurel Springs.....									74.70	3.76		78.46	165.12				
Middle Fork.....									59.00			59.00	300.13				
Meat Camp.....									65.20			65.20	5214.70				
Mt Calvary.....									32.68			32.68	347.24				
Mt Gillead.....													82.54				
Mt Lebanon.....					1.45				18.00			19.45	249.28				
Oak Grove.....									115.00			115.00	256.10				
Pleasant Grove.....	11.00								50.97			61.97	395.81	6			
Proffits Grove.....			3.00	3.00	3.00	2.00		3.17	58.54	3.00		75.71	264.21				
Rich Mountain.....								3.00				3.00	96.77				
Samson.....									1.00			1.00	26.55				
Shulls Mills.....													139.88				
South Fork.....									25.20			25.20	68.20				
Stony Fork.....									5.00			5.00	228.30				
Three Forks.....	77.00							9.00	117.00			203.00	497.50				
Timbered Rdg.....	3.00		1.45		.85			8.40	12.19			29.65	125.00				
Union.....									44.50			44.50	216.47				
Willowdale.....	7.00											21.00	561.00				
Zionville.....									24.95			24.95	3006.18				
Zion Hill.....		1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00			7.75	22.01	1.00		34.76	371.58				

Directory

CHURCHES	PASTOR & P. O.	S. S. SUPT. & P. O.
Antioch.....	W. Swift, Reese	W. J. Farthing, Wat. Falls
Bethel.....	L A Hurst, Sherwood	Carl Farthing, Sugar Grove
Beaver Dam.....	R C Eggers, Zionville	W J Hagaman, Reese
Bethany.....	F C Watts, Purlear	J L Triplett, Matney
Brushy Fork.....	R C Eggers, Zionville	L M Trivett, Vilas
Boone.....	P A Hicks, Boone	W R Gragg, Boone
Blowing Rock.....	" "	J H Winkler, Blowing Rock
Cove Creek.....	L A Hurst, Sherwood	W F Sherwood, Sherwood
Cool Spring.....	G W Trivett, Vilas	
Clarks Creek.....	E C Hodges, Adams	
Elk Knob.....	No report	
Fall Creek.....	W A Pennell, Zionville	T B Gryder, Heaton
Forest Grove.....	L A Wilson, "	J M Johnson, Vilas
Gap Creek.....	E C Hodges, Adams	Thos Fairchild, Deep Gap
Howards Creek.....	L B Murray, State Road	
Laurel Springs.....	" "	Arthur Greene, Deep Gap
Middle Fork.....	W D Ashley, B. Rock	R C Greene, B. Rock
Meat Camp.....	L B Murray, State Road	M C Brown, Boone
Mt Calvary.....	F C Watts, Purlear	Ira Hodges, Banner Elk
Mt Gilead.....	E J Farthing, Sugar Grove	Smith Eggers, Beech Creek
Mt Lebanon.....	W D Ashley, B. Rock	S B Hayes, Vilas
Oak Grove.....	F C Watts, Purlear	B A Hodges, Adams
Pleasant Grove.....	G W Sabastian, No W'l.	E H Perry, Zionville
Proffits Grove.....	L A Wilson, Boone	L E Wilson, "
Rich Mountain.....	D M Wheeler, Triplett	H W McNiel, "
Samson.....	J W Fox, Lenoir	
Shulls Mills.....	Maston Bradshaw, Globe	B F Wilcox, Shulls Mills
South Fork.....	No pastor	John Cox, Todd
Stony Fork.....	W D Ashley, B Rock	Joe J Wellborn, Stony Fork
Three Forks.....	F C Watts, Purlear	H G Cook, Boone
Timbered Rdg.....	L C Wilson, Sugar Grove	E B Hagaman, Beech Creek
Union.....	E C Hodges, Adams	G C Norris, Mabel
Willowdale.....	L A Hurst, Sherwood	A J Greene, Vilas
Zionville.....	R C Eggers, Zionville	J R Isaacs, Mabel
Zion Hill.....	D A Greene, Butler, Tenn	M A Ward, Beech Creek

Order of Business, 1928**Meet at 2 P. M.**

- 1 Annual Sermon—L. A. Hurst.
- 2 Address of Moderator.
- 3 Organization.
- 4 Call for New Churches and Cor. Messengers.
- 5 Appointment of Committees.
- 6 Reports of Committees on:—
Books and Periodicals.
Christian Education.

MORNING SESSION, SECOND DAY

- Reports of Committees, continued:
Ministerial Relief.
Sunday Schools.
Missions,— State, Home and Foreign.

AFTERNOON, SECOND DAY

- Reports of Committees, continued:
B. Y. P. U.
W. M. U.
Executive Committee.

THIRD DAY, A. M.

- Reports of Committees, continued:
Temperance.
Hospitals.
Orphanage.
Adjourn for sermon by some one.

THIRD DAY, P. M.

- Reports of Committees, continued:
State of Churches.
Pastoral Support.
Duties of Pastors to Churches.
Digest of Letters.
Resolutions.
Nominations.
Report of, and Election of Treasurer.
Report of, and Election of Colporteur.
Time, Place, and Preacher.
Finance.
- 7 Appointment of Standing Committees.
 - 8 Appoint some one to superintend printing minutes.
 - 9 Miscellaneous.





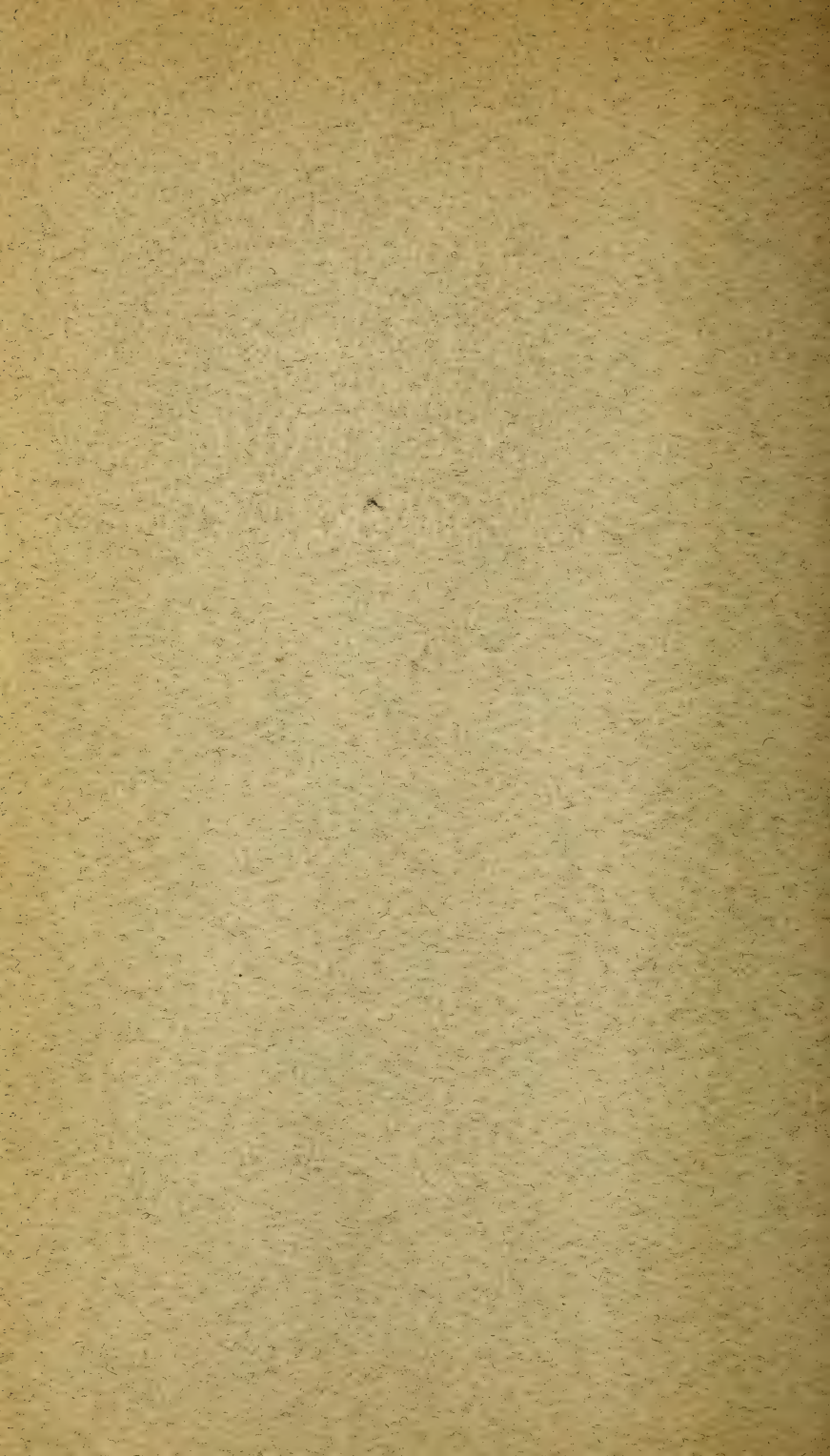
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1. Annual Sermon.
2. Address of Moderator.
3. Organization.
4. Call for new churches and cor. messengers.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Reports of committees:
 - Books and Periodicals.
 - Education.

Afternoon, First Day.

Reports of committees continued:

- Sunday Schools.
- B. Y. P. U.
- W. M. U.
- Orphanage.
- Ministerial Relief.
- Hospitals.

Second Day, A. M.

Reports of committees continued:

- Temperance.
- Missions—State, Home, Foreign.

Afternoon, Second Day.

- State of churches.
- Pastoral support.
- Duties of Pastors to Churches.
- Digest of Letters.
- Resolutions.
- Nominations.
- Report and election of treasurer.
- Report and election of colporter.
- Time, Place and Preacher.
- Finance.

7. Appointment of standing committees.
8. Miscellaneous.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

MODERATOR

I. G. Greer Boone, N. C.

CLERK AND TREASURER

W. Y. Perry Vilas, N. C.

COLPORTER

R. C. Eggers Zionville, N. C.

HISTORIAN

A. J. Greene Vilas, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

G. P. Hagaman, W. O. Gordon, D. D. Dougherty, R. C. Eggers,
W. W. Wilson, Smith Hagamon, A. J. Greene, I. G. Greer and W. Y.
Perry.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Antioch—W. H. Glenn Valle Crucis, N. C.
Bethel—L. C. Wilson Sugar Grove, N. C.
Bethel—E. J. Farthing Sugar Grove, N. C.
Bethel—R. M. Farthing Breda, Alberta, Canada
Bethany—J. T. McGuire Hackett, N. C.
Boone—P. A. Hicks Boone, N. C.
Boone—Roy Dotson Boone, N. C.
Cove Creek—Will O. Gordon Sherwood, N. C.
Cool Spring—W. C. Payne Blowing Rock, N. C.
Elk Knob—Dewey Trivett Tamarack, N. C.
Forest Grove—W. Swift Reese, N. C.
Howards Creek—John Norris Boone, N. C.
Howards Creek—Edmund Greene Boone, N. C.
Laurel Spring—J. Levi Greene Deep Gap, N. C.
Middle Fork—R. H. Shore Blowing Rock, N. C.
Middle Fork—J. W. Bradshaw Blowing Rock, N. C.
Mt. Gilead—Lee Norris Dark Ridge, N. C.
Oak Grove—E. C. Hodges Adams, N. C.
Proffits Grove—L. A. Wilson Boone, N. C.
Rich Mountain—W. A. Pennell Zionville, N. C.
South Fork—J. M. Griggs Todd, N. C.
Stony Fork—W. H. Smith Stony Fork, N. C.
Willowdale—A. J. Greene Vilas, N. C.
Willowdale—G. W. Trivett Vilas, N. C.
Zionville—R. C. Eggers Zionville, N. C.

LICENTIATE

Bethany—A. T. Watson Hackett, N. C.

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who, on producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, the ministers being members ex-officio.

2. In the letters from the different churches is to be expressed their numbers in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any special power over the churches. They shall not infringe any internal right of any church in the Union.

4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen annually by the suffrage of the members present.

5. New churches, or any regular Baptist church of Christ being legally dismissed by letter by any sister Association, upon application and delegates, shall be admitted to our Union.

6. Every church in the Association shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

7. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be once read, and before it is debated, the Moderator shall put it to a vote, and if there be a majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be debated, but if there shall be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

9. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of their proceedings. The best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the direction of the future Associations.

10. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same. For the raising and supporting of which we think it to be the duty of each church in the Union to

contribute annually such sums as they shall think proper and send it by their delegates to the Association. The money thus raised shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer, appointed by the Association, who shall be accountable for the same. He shall pay the money out from time to time as the Association may direct.

11. There shall be an association book kept wherein the proceedings of the association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary, appointed by the association, who shall receive a compensation yearly for his services.

12. The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected (if needs be) and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association rises.

13. Amendments to the plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the association when they deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months prior notice.

14. The Association shall have power :

To provide for the general union of the churches.

To endeavor to preserve a chain of union amongst the churches.

To give the churches the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

To appropriate the money contributed by the churches for an associational fund to any purpose they may think proper.

Shall have power to withdraw from any church in their Union who shall violate the rules of this Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion.

To correspond with sister Associations.

To invite any Baptist in the ministry to a seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of their sitting.

To adjourn the Association to any future time and place they may think proper and most convenient to the churches in the Union.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, till he is done speaking.

3. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect upon the person who spoke before him as to make remarks on his steps, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as he can so as to give his views or ideas.

4. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

5. No person shall rise and speak more than three times to any one subject without liberty from the Association.

6. No member shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same or whispering in the time of public speaking.

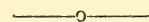
7. No member shall address another in any other appellation than that of brother.

8. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this decorum.

9. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as required by the Association.

10. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other members, provided the chair be filled. He shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

M i n u t e s



Blowing Rock, N. C., R. F. D.,
August 28, 1928.

Three Forks Association met this evening in its Eighty-eighth Session, with Middle Fork Church, according to the order of the last session of this body, at 2 o'clock. W. T. Vandyke led the singing of several songs.

L. A. Hurst, the appointee to preach the annual sermon, announced as his subject, "The Great Commission." Text: Matt. 28:20. 1. We need co-operation. 2. What is the Commission? It is Christ's command; it is the authority of every missionary and all missionary enterprise. 3. To whom was the Commission given? It was given to the church. The preacher is no more responsible for giving the gospel to the world than every other member of the church. 4. What does it embrace? Preaching, teaching. 5. What is the plan? Ye are my witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the earth. 6. What will be the result? If the Missionary spirit dies the world will be lost. If that spirit grows spiritual power will prevail, people will be attracted by the gospel and souls will be saved. After the sermon R. C. Eggers led in prayer.

The Moderator delivered his annual address. Subject: "The Day After Yesterday."

The Moderator called for the church letters that had not been forwarded to the Clerk.

A motion prevailed to refer the letters to the Clerk. A roll of the churches was called and messengers from 26 answered.

ROLL OF MESSENGERS



Antioch—John Ward, J. L. Glenn, L. D. Harman.

Bethel—W. R. Vines, W. W. Wilson, M. H. Edmisten.

Beaver Dam—Lee Swift, Geo. Robinson.

Brushy Fork—Gordon Hodges, S. F. Moody.

Bethany—L. M. Farthing, A. T. Watson, Howard Edmisten.
Brushy Fork—Gordon Hodges, S. F. Moody.
Boone—Smith Hagaman, W. R. Gragg, J. F. Moore.
Blowing Rock—Mrs. D. P. Coffey, Mrs. T. H. Coffey, Mrs. Fred Hartley.
Cove Creek—A. I. Greene, W. Y. Perry.
Cool Spring—J. W. Pennell, C. M. Shore, T. E. Robbins.
Elk Knob—Letter. No messengers.
Fall Creek—M. W. Storie.
Forest Grove—Ellis Moody.
Gap Creek—Alfred Watson, H. E. Norris, A. G. Miller.
Howards Creek—Murray Greene, Gurney Norris, L. F. Cottrell.
Laurel Spring—Joe Coffey, J. B. Clawson, Arthur Greene.
Middle Fork—T. F. Greer, D. S. Shores, W. A. Triplett.
Meat Camp—B. B. Greene, Carl Byers, H. S. Jones.
Mt. Calvary—Clyde Greene, Ira Hodges, Will Puckett.
Mt. Lebanon—F. H. Hollers, J. C. Danner, J. E. Maltba.
Mt. Gilead—O. H. Trivett.
Oak Grove—Cleve Gross, W. M. Hodges, E. C. Hodges.
Pleasant Grove—J. H. Mast.
Proffit's Grove—W. A. roffit, L. E. Wilson, D. L. Greene.
Rich Mountain—A. B. Greene, J. R. Brown, H. W. McNeil.
Shulls Mills—J. M. Day, J. B. Reed, Garmon Garland.
South Fork—Will H. McGuire, W. F. Norris, T. M. Jones.
Stony Fork—J. S. Wellborn, D. L. Wellborn, J. D. Cook.
Three Forks—J. C. Brookshire, W. H. Hayes, H. G. Cook.
Timbered Ridge—E. B. Hagaman.
Union—Letter.
Willowdale—A. J. Greene, I. A. Bungarnes.
Zionville—J. R. Isaacs, Solomon Grogan.
Zion Hill—H. A. Hagaman.

The Moderator declined to stand for re-election. L. C. Wilson nominated I. G. Greer for Moderator who was unanimously chosen by a rising vote. W. Y. Perry was re-elected Clerk.

By request of the chair L. A. Hurst led a prayer of thanksgiving for the men who have led us in the past and for the leadership of the Holy Spirit for the new Moderator.

L. A. Hurst introduced to the Association W. O. Gordon, the new pastor of Bethel Cove Creek and Willowdale churches.

The following visitors were recognized and welcomed into the Association by the Moderator: J. A. McKaughan representing the Biblical Recorder and State Missions. From Watauga Association, Tenn., Robert M. DeVault and J. F. Farthing.

Brushy Mountain Association: G. W. Sebastian.

Caldwell County Association: H. H. Crisp, I. C. Miller, and Noah Austin.

Stoney Fork Association: B. F. Wilcox, McMinn Asso., Tenn. Mrs. Victoria Farthing Greene.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Religious Exercises: Pastor and Messengers from Middle Fork Church.

Finance: J. H. Mast and J. S. Wellborn.

Obituaries: L. C. Wilson, Smith Hagaman, and Clerk.

Time, Place and Pracher: J. R. Isaacs, W. T. Vandyke and Frank Moore.

Roy Dotson and Smith Hagaman were appointed to allot the time for each subject on the program.

The Executive Committee's Report was read by Smith Hagaman, which was referred item by item to the following persons:

First item to L. C. Wilson and Roy Dotson.

Second item to full Ex. Com.

Third item to Clerk.

Fourth item to Geo. Rotan and B. F. Wilcox.

Fifth item to Mrs. I. G. Greer and Mrs. T. H. Coffey.

Smith Hagaman, W. R. Gragg and L. A. Wilson were appointed to consider the advisability of changing the basis of representation.

The Association adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Benediction by W. Clay Wilson.

SECOND DAY MORNING SESSION

The devotional exercises were begun by singing "How Firm a Foundation", led by J. R. Isaacs.

I. C. Miller, after reading the 88th Psalm, led Prayer.

The Association was then called to order for business, the Moderator in the chair.

The roll of messengers was then called and absentees erased.

The minutes of yesterday were read amended and approved.

Visitors and correspondents were again invited to report.

Tipton Greene from Caldwell Association and Geo. Brown from Stony Fork Association reported.

The report on Books and Periodicals was read by the Clerk. Report adopted discussion by J. A. McKaughan and I. C. Miller.

L. C. Wilson then made the report on Christian Education, discussing the same. Adopted.

"Amazing Grace" was sung by the Association.

R. C. Eggers read the report on Orphanage and presented Prof. Fortney, the principal of the Orphanage School, who addressed the body on the subject. At this period the Association was called to prayer for the Orphanage led by Smith Hagaman. The discussion was continued by the Moderator. Report adopted.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Frank Moore, who discussed the report followed by Roy Dotson, after which the report was adopted.

On motion of P. A. Hicks the Association asked the Ex. Com. to take the matter of employing a full time Associational Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. worker under consideration conferring with the Stony Fork Association, the Sunday School Board and the State Mission Board. On motion and second the Association adjourned for one hour. Benediction by W. O. Gordon.

SECOND DAY EVENING SESSION

W. T. Vandyke led the congregation in singing a number of hymns, after which Robert M. DeVault read from the 3rd to 6th verse of the 3rd chapter of II Cor., then leading in prayer.

P. A. Hicks submitted the report on State Missions. J. A. McKaughan discussed the report. Report adopted.

The report on Home Missions was adopted after being read and discussed by Robert M. DeVault and J. A. McKaughan.

The report on Foreign Missions was read and discussed by L. A. Hurst. Report adopted.

Clyde R. Greene read the report on B. Y. P. U. and led the discussion, followed by Miss Joy Beaman, the State Mission Board Worker at the Appalachian State Normal School, Boone, N. C. Report adopted.

The report on Woman's Work was read by Mrs. T. H. Coffey and discussed by Mrs. D. P. Coffey, Mrs. I. G. Greer and Noah Austin. Report adopted.

A motion prevailed that the Constitution and By-laws be printed in the minutes.

On motion the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Benediction by L. A. Hurst.

THIRD DAY MORNING SESSION

After singing "Nearer My God to Thee," L. A. Wilson conducted the devotional service, reading 42nd Psalm, speaking briefly on feeling the "Presence of God", then led in prayer.

The report of the Executive Committee which had been referred to different people was considered and reported on.

Items 1, 2, 4 and 6 were discussed and adopted.

The Clerk was instructed to appeal to the churches for sufficient money to print the Minutes.

H. A. Hagaman read the report on Pastoral Support. Report adopted after being discussed by Smith Hagaman and R. C. Eggers.

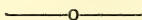
J. R. Isaacs read the report on Baptist Hospital leading the discussion, followed by H. A. Hagaman, L. A. Wilson and P. A. Hicks. Report adopted.

L. M. Farthing read the report on Temperance. P. A. Hicks moved that the report be adopted without discussion. Motion carried.

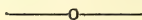
"Alas and Did My Savior Bleed" was sung.

The appended report on Old Minister's Relief was adopted after discussion by J. A. McKaughan, Smith Hagaman and I. C. Miller.

The time having arrived for the 11 o'clock sermon the Association suspended business and sung "How Firm a Foundation." W. O. Gordon, the appointee, announced as his subject, "The Cloudless Vision." Text: "O that I knew where I might find Him." Job 23 chapter, 3rd verse; also, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." John 14th chapter, 9th verse. At the close of the sermon the Association adjourned for one hour. Benediction by J. R. Isaacs.



THIRD DAY EVENING SESSION



The services were begun by singing "When I Can Read My Title Clear." E. C. Hodges then read Matt. 28th chapter, from 17th to 20th verse, leading in prayer.

L. C. Wilson read the report on the State of the Churches. Report adopted after being discussed by L. C. and L. A. Wilson.

The report on Duties of Pastors to Churches was read and discussed by A. I. Greene. Report adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions by I. A. Bumgarner reported. Report adopted and appended.

Obituaries of W. S. Farthing and R. L. Palmer in the form of resolutions were read by L. C. Wilson, who discussed the lives of both. Smith Hagaman continued the discussion. Report adopted.

The Committee on change of basis of representation reported.

Report adopted.

The Treasurer made his report, which was adopted. W. Y. Perry was re-elected Treasurer.

The Colporter made his report, which was adopted. R. C. Eggers was re-elected Colporter.

The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher reported. Report adopted.

The Committee on Finance read the Financial report. Report adopted.

The Moderator read his appointment of Standing Committees. Appointments confirmed.

A motion prevailed that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and that he be allowed \$20 for his services.

The Committee on Nominations read their report. Report adopted.

The Association ordered the Clerk to secure a box in the Watauga County Bank as a place to keep the records of the body.

D. D. Dougherty made a fitting speech to the Association presenting a simple cane, cut from the original site of the mother church of the Association—Three Forks—asking that the cane be accepted and presented to the retiring Moderator, Smith Hagaman. I. G. Greer, the present Moderator, accepted the gift for the Association and A. J. Greene, the Historian of the Association, made the presentation. Bro. Hagaman accepted the gift with a few well-chosen words.

A motion prevailed to adjourn.

R. C. Eggers conducted the closing devotional exercises by reading the 20th chapter of Acts, beginning with the 17th verse, leading in prayer.

"How Firm a Foundation" was sung while the messengers and visitors gave each other the parting hand.

Benediction by P. A. Hicks.

I. G. GREER, Moderator.

W. Y. PERRY, Clerk.

R E P O R T S

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your Committee submits the following:

1. At our first meeting we suggested to the churches through their pastors amounts for the Co-operative Program. Many of the churches adopted our suggestion and have been paying their quota.

2. In January we planned a fifth Sunday meeting at Boone, but the weather was so bad that we did not carry out the program fully.

3. In April we planned for group meetings at six places in the Association but the weather broke into our plans again. Meetings were held at Boone, Pleasant Grove and Laurel Springs. The theme for discussion was "The Work of a Deacon."

4. In July we had in conjunction with the Stony Fork Association, four group meetings. The central idea was Sunday Schools. The program was given at Antioch, Proffitt's Grove, Forest Grove and Mt. Vernon.

We recommend the following:

1. That the fifth Sunday September meeting be made a Home-Coming meeting for each church and that publicity of this meeting be made during this session of the Association.

2. That we accept the allotment of \$1,500 for our part in the Co-operative Program.

4. That an effort be made to improve the minutes of the Association.

5. That the Association invite the Committee of the Stony Fork Association in conducting the fifth Sunday meetings.

The moderator of the Association is requested to assign a speaker for the above mentioned recommendations and that each recommendation be discussed in open meeting of the Association and passed on separately.

Committee.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS

Your Committee on Religious Literature submits the following report:

1. The Bible should be read and carefully studied by all our Baptist people so as to understand the New Testament plan of salvation; that it teaches repentance, belief in the Lord Jesus Christ and Bap-

tism. We believe our Baptist people should be informed by studying God's Word.

2. We recommend the *Biblical Recorder*, which is the official publication of our State. Its editorials are sound and fundamental; its literature is wholesome. We insist that every Baptist home in our Association should put this paper in their home. It keeps us posted as to the work of our denomination. We feel that no Baptist should be without the *Recorder* in their homes for it stands for the organized work of our denomination.

3. We further recommend to all our churches of the Three Forks Association thatt they read *Charity and Children*, edited by brother Archibald Johnson of the Thomasville Orphanage. It is worthy of our support and it keeps us informed as to the great work which is being carried on by this noble institution of our great Baptist churches.

4. No member of our churches should, under any condition, neglect to read and study very carefully *The Home and Foreign Fields*, for we are living in a day when great changes are taking place on the battlefields of the churches and every one should be thrilled at the great changes which are being brought about in the carrying forward of the Gospel by the noble servants of our Lörd and Master, and where can we learn of this work better than in *The Home and Foreign Fields*?

5. Last but not least, every home should be opened to our Colporteur who has good religious books and wholesome books for the children all of which should take the place of so much of the trashy literature, which, I am sorry to say, is found in so many of our homes today.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. ROBBINS

For Committee

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Through all the history of Southern Baptists, Christian education has been one of the outstanding departments of our work. But at no time in the past has Christian education meant possibly what it means now. In this day of skepticism and liberalism this day of no difference in religion no difference in education, one thing just as good as another.

If our people could only think of our Baptist schools as they should think. If we could recognize and appreciate what they have been to the Baptists of the South nothing would be lacking in reliev-

ing them of every embarrassment and placing them in their rightful place as one of the leading factors in giving the gospel to the world.

If there is any outstanding need among our people today it is a better equipped and qualified ministry. And not only is this pressing demand upon us but those of our young people who go out as teachers and leaders must be trained and prepared for their task. But why argue the necessity of more and better equipped Baptist schools? The multiplying forces arrayed against the Baptist cause is the answer.

The only means of self defense, the only safe rule for making strong and powerful the Baptist cause in this Southland is found in the uplift of our Baptist schools. To this end the centennial campaign is directed. If every preacher will put himself in the lead and if every church and every member will be loyal to this glorious task a mighty victory will crown their efforts and a better day will dawn.

Let the charge be made no more that Three Forks Association has no interest in the education of her people in a Baptist school.

May no church be satisfied with anything short of having done her whole duty in this great undertaking. Let the year 1930 tell the glad story of the loyal support that the Three Forks Association has given this glorious cause. And your committee wishes to call attention to the Preachers' School at Meredith College, where every preacher may have an opportunity to gain much information and inspiration as they sit at the feet of some of the greatest preachers and teachers in the South.

This is an opportunity in reach of every preacher and should not be trifled with. Our hearts are moved with gratitude for a host of mighty men like a William Cary, a Judson, a Luther Rice in the dark past and then later a John A. Broadus, a J. R. Graves, a B. H. Carroll, a Matthew T. Yates and a J. B. Gambrell, who have left a monument to their memory in laying a foundation upon which we build. And then such men as an E. Y. Mullins, a George Truett, with thousands of other mighty men like those of the past are still broadening the foundation for a glorious habitation. Yet this is not our hope. Our future is lodged in the education of the masses. When a revival of Christian education shall possess our homes and permeate our entire church life our problems will be easily solved. Catholicism has ever been the outstanding foe of the Baptist through the dark past but never so dangerous as now. She has her eye upon this blessed old Southland building schools and churches as her purpose has always been at the door of every Baptist home.

Of all the invading foes of the Baptists, Romanism is the outstanding enemy.

The influx of every nation on earth in the South with priestcraft is enough to call every Baptist to prayer at this hour.

If not too late nothing but information, an educated conscience backed by love of God led by the Holy Spirit will check the onward march of the enemy of the cause of Jesus Christ and this American land.

"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done."

L. C. WILSON.

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ORPHANAGE REPORT

On November 11th, 1885, the first child was received into the Orphanage. Up to February the 1st, 1928, there had been 2,639 children enrolled. There were present April 30th, 1928, 618 children and of these 117 were at the Kennedy Home.

The Orphanage is now aiding 70 mothers with 300 children in their homes. These added to the number now present in the Orphanage makes 916 children. During the 42 years of history, counting the mothers aid, the Orphanage has helped 3,266 children.

Last fall the Orphanage was staggered by an overwhelming debt but the Thanksgiving offerings cleared that up but did no more. It has happened that once a month collections have been fairly good this year, so the debt on the Orphanage is not so great this fall.

We are told that out of the many hundreds of churches in this State that there are less than 600 that make the once a month collections. We hope that every Sunday School will take the once a month collection.

We trust that every church in this Association will make a Thanksgiving offering to the Orphanage, and that every member will make and offering equal to one day's wages.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. EGGERS

For Committee

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We believe the Sunday School to be one of the leading associated branches of the church work. We also believe that more interest is being shown in Sunday School each year. We find more interest in the rural Sunday Schools since the adoption of standard Sunday School literature.

We urge that the teachers and officers in all the Sunday School

stress the importance of the young people staying for church services. There being a tendency among the children and young people to think their responsibility ceases with the close of the Sunday School service. It is imperative that they should be trained to recognize that the preaching service is of greater importance than the Sunday School and that the Sunday School is preparatory to greater church service. We heartily endorse the plan of the graded Sunday School, since it requires the possessing of, and studying of the Bible. While we believe in the use of Sunday School literature, we do not believe in it to the exclusion of the Bible.

We urge that the churches make the best possible provision for class assembly. We also urge that the churches use their best judgment in selecting teachers to teach in the Sunday Schools, and we especially urge that the teachers give the best instructions possible that interest may be increased in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. MOORE

ROY DOTSON

For Committee

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REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

The Baptist State Convention was organized at Greenville on March 26, 1930. At this first meeting, a State Mission Board was elected and a Corresponding Secretary was sent out to raise funds with which to evangelize North Carolina. We have been working at this task for ninety-eight years, and God has blessed our efforts in a marvelous way.

We are now carrying on our State Mission work under the direction of the General Board, of which Dr. Charles E. Maddry is secretary. This Board is divided into four departments: Missions, Education, Training Activities and Benevolence.

The department of Missions is under the supervision of Walter M. Gilmore. There are 87 pastors and 134 churches that are being aided this year. Last year these pastors baptized into the fellowship of their churches 1,456 and received 1,263 others by letter or otherwise.

Our Board is now co-operating in maintaining the following student workers: L. H. Tapscott, Chapel Hill; Y. C. Elliott, N. C. State; Miss Cleo Mitchell, N. C. C. W., and Miss Joy Beaman at the Appalachian State Normal.

We have three evangelists, J. M. Page, J. R. Cantrell, Raleigh, and S. T. Hensley, High Point. These are fine consecrated men that are

doing very effective work, and they are ready to serve our churches wherever their services are needed.

The Board is doing a very helpful work in conducting each year at Meredith College a ten days' school for our preachers. This year there were enrolled 325 preachers and their wives. We would urge all of our preachers to take advantage of this school.

Out of each dollar given to the Co-operative Program undesignated, twenty-three cents of it goes to State Missions. Your committee would urge that our churches give liberally to support our Co-operative Program, and that we pray for the continued blessings of God on all our co-operative work.

Respectfully submitted,

D. D. DOUGHERTY,

P. A. HICKS.

Committee

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board reports the expenditure of a half million dollars during the last year. In order to stay within its income, it was necessary to retrench 33 1-3 per cent. from the preceding year. Notwithstanding the retrenchment, the floods, and the storms, the work went steadily on.

Evangelism:

In this department we retained sixteen workers at an expense of \$6,666.87. The appeal of the evangelist has lost none of its charm. In order to reach large groups of people at one time in our large cities, it is necessary to have trained men to lead in the campaigns. Our Board is able to do this.

Independent and direct mission::

In this field we have more than a hundred workers. The Board tries to reach the foreigners in our midst. As industry comes more and more to our section, we shall have a larger population of people from other countries. It is absolutely necessary that we train Negroes and Indians to work among their own people. The Baptists have great responsibilities in this work. Work among the deaf has been inaugurated in every state within our territory. At Oteen and at Jacksonville we reach many sailors and soldiers.

Cuba and Panama:

These two countries are at our door. Our relationship is such that we must see that our cause is not allowed to suffer. The Board needs funds to build new churches and to establish schools to train leaders to care for their own people.

Mountain Mission Schools:

In this system of schools there are twenty-two with one hundred and eighty-eight teachers, and about five thousand students. Some of these schools will have to close because of funds. Many of them ought to live. They fill a need that cannot be supplied otherwise.

Southern Baptist Sanitorium:

This institution is located at El Paso, Texas. It gives more in free service each year than the amount that it receives from our Board.

Church Extension:

This department has funds of more than a million dollars to assist in erecting new buildings. The help is administered by loans. The fund will grow and we can help more and more. Many places have church houses which might otherwise not be able to build.

Publicity:

This department keeps in touch with our work and informs the people what we are trying to do. The material for our papers, magazines and tracts are the work of this department.

A. J. GREENE,

M. J. WILLIAMS,

Committee.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS

We note with pride that ten churches reported gifts to Foreign Missions and eight reported gifts to the Co-operative Program.

We are pleased to note that there has been an increase in the number of churches contributing to the Co-operative Program this year. We feel that our people are informing themselves about the missionary work in foreign lands and that they are learning more and more to obey the Master's command to give the gospel to the whole world.

We are pleased to report that conditions on our foreign fields are much improved and a better state of affairs exists so that our missionaries who were called away on account of trouble in the foreign lands may return to their field of labor if only Southern Baptists would make it possible by liberal giving.

If our people would look at the great work done by our workers and the very splendid results it seems to us that they would be more liberal in their support of the cause.

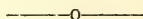
A number of the churches did not report anything given to Missions at all. We should not be so selfish as to spend all that God gives us for our own pleasure and millions who know not our Saviour

go hungry and without the gospel. We would record in this report —1st, that we urge all of our preachers and pastors to preach on the subject of Missions as often as they deem it wise and also that they keep a good stock of missionary literature on hand and put in the hands of their members to be read; 2nd, that the churches insist that each member contribute regularly to the Co-operative Program.

We believe that our people can be enlisted in this great work if all preachers and Sunday School teachers will give themselves to the task and lead out in giving of their means to support the work. So let us take courage and press on until Christ says it is enough.

L. A. HURST,

W. F. SHERWOOD.



REPORT ON BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

History: The B. Y. P. U. was first organized in North Carolina about 1899 or 1900. For ten years it grew very slowly. In 1909 the work was reorganized under the leadership of Dr. B. W. Spilman. The first state convention was held at Durham in 1910 where a constitution and plan of work were adopted. A full-time secretary was employed for this work in 1916. The growth of the Union has been steady from that time until now we have 2216 Unions in the state. 337 new Unions were organized last year. The B. Y. P. U., Convention is now the largest Baptist gathering in the state, more than 1500 delegates attend these conventions.

Object of the B. Y. P. U.: The constitution of the Union states the object as follows: (1) The increased spirituality of the young Christian; (2) Their training in essential church activities; (3) Their edification in scriptural knowledge; (4) Their instruction in Baptist doctrines and history; (5) Their enlistment in all forms of missionary endeavor through existing denominational organizations. The meaning of this object may be set forth in three words: Consecration, preparation, service.

Office and Workers: The office of the B. Y. P. U. is 214 Biblical Recorder Building, Raleigh, N. C. J. A. Ivey is General Secretary; Miss Winnie Ricket is Junior-Intermediate Secretary; Miss Mary Francis Biggers and Miss Margaret Harrison are field workers. These folks are at the service of any church and they are especially anxious to organize Unions in new territory.

The B. Y. P. U. in Our Association: While the work has been before our people in a limited way for a number of years its growth has been very slow. We have some 8 or 10 Unions in about four churches. This means that we have 31 churches in our association

without Unions. Unions have been organized in other churches of the Association but for some reason have fallen by the wayside. Our task is to sell our people on the B. Y. P. U. and to help them solve local conditions that tend to make it difficult for the Union to exist. Everyone who has studied the subject recognizes the advantages to a church of a going B. Y. P. U. organization. . When certain local conditions are worked out the B. Y. P. U. will assume the same position in our Association that it already occupies in so many Associations of the state; second only to the Sunday School in its contributions to a healthy church life.

Recommendations: Your committee recommends that the Association appoint or elect a B. Y. P. U. associational superintendent. We suggest that among the various duties of the superintendent may be mentioned the following: (1) Organizations of new unions; (2) Supervision of Associational B. Y. P. U., rallies, which in the opinion of your committee should be held at least twice each year; (3) Enlisting the churches in B. Y. P. U. study course work.

G. P. HAGAMAN,

CLYDE R. GREENE,

Committee.

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WOMAN'S WORK

Growth is a natural process in the material world about us. One has only to plant the seed and set the tender plant in the earth and give it fair conditions, slowly but surely it begins to grow and soon we have the plant budding then blossoming into beauty and yielding fruit. Every spring we see anew the great miracle of nature when apparently dead branches swell, send out tender green buds and soon the trees that looked so brown and dead are covered with beautiful green leaves. A careful observer sees not the same tree but a larger and stronger one which is evidence of another year's growth. Not so in the realm of spiritual growth. This spiritual growth comes only through effort. We must bend our wills and put forth our energy to the utmost in order that we might grow and develop along spiritual lines. If there is progress to be made it is necessary for us to grow in our work. If in our activities we stand at one place and the passing years bring no increase in our power and in our achievement we may well stop and ask the question, Why? For this reason we want to pause and look at the records of the past ten years of the W. M. U. and consider whether or not we are making any real progress. Let us look first at the number of women in our churches who are taking an active part in the

work. In 1917 we had 25,664 women and young people enlisted out of a membership of 126,612. In 1927 we reported 40,326 women and children and a membership of 173,399. The percentage is nearly the same but the figures show that in ten years we increased the number of members in our societies 14,662, a gain of more than one thousand a year. This being the Ruby Anniversary year of our W. M. U. we have taken for our goal 4,000 members in the now existing societies. With 133,073 unenlisted women and young people in our churches it should be an easy goal for us to reach. When we consider the fact that only the women who are members of W. M. U. are having any part in the great missionary movements of today we should put forth every effort we have to make them realize their opportunities in helping send the Gospel to a lost world.

In 1917 we had 1,448 organizations and in 1927 we had 2,413, an increase of 925. Notwithstanding this fact, as nearly as it can be estimated we have 913 churches with no missionary societies. It seems to me here lies an open door of service to our Societies. The door of opportunity is open wide to us right here in our association. We have 35 churches in this association and there are only five W. M. S.'s.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

The success of a Church may be determined largely by the vision and leadership of its pastor. A pastor succeeds in terms of the support he receives from his members. This support should be three-fold: He should be encouraged in his work by the individual member and he should be defended against unjust criticism. No pastor can succeed without the prayers of his people. Paul would have failed many times but for the fact that in every church he visited, he knew there was a group of Christians praying for him. Behind every great pastor may be found praying Christians.

The pastor should receive financial support from his churches. The churches of the Three Forks Association are not furnishing this support. Let us examine the facts: Last year we paid \$5,853.85, or \$167.25 per church, or \$1.29 per member. Paul said, "They that proclaim the Gospel, shall live of the Gospel." We should be more liberal in supporting our pastors in order that they might have more time to study, pray and minister to the flock.

Your committee suggests that each Church should have a treasurer who receives all money paid in for pastor's salary, and that he gives the pastor a check each month for a regular amount. If we do not

appreciate the Gospel, God will take it from us as He has other people and nations of the past.

Respectfully submitted

BERT FARTHING

I. G. GREER

Committee

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The North Carolina Baptist Hospital reached its fifth milestone on May the 29th of this year. From small beginnings it has grown in five years to be one of the leading Baptist Hospitals in the South. It has overcome, what seemed to be one day, impossibilities, and now offers its helping hand to the thousands of sick over the State.

Near ten thousand patients have received treatment since it began its work. Only eternity can reveal the good it has done for suffering humanity, and the lives it has saved.

We find that last year the death rate was only fourteen and one-half to the thousand, less than any other Hospital in the South.

We should thank God and take courage. This year the Hospital has received \$4,000.00 less for charity work than it did last year, but are having greater demands made on it. It is looking now as if there will be 600 free cases this year which, it is estimated, will cost \$35,000 to care for them. Beside this, the Nurses Home has been completed and at the beginning of the year there was a debt of \$14,000 on this building. The Duke Endowment promised \$5,000 if the hospital would pay the entire debt this year. Last year the Hospital paid out of its running expenses about \$7,000 on charity. This year it must go on the debt, so we see something must be done to save the situation.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

1. That we urge all our people to carry their patients there, and give the Hospital the advantage of this increased revenue.

2. That churches sending charity patients will themselves pay \$1.50 per day, or get the family or community to join them in raising this amount that the Hospital may tide over this emergency.

4. That we pray for the success of the Institution.

4. That we put on the program, and give an offering on Mother's Day, or some other day, and let us show the Christ-like spirit to help.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. ISAACS

J. H. MAST

Committee

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, beg to submit the following report:

The struggle against intemperance has been an age long one, and it is one of the great problems of our Christian civilization today. Will our civilization be able to combat, successfully, this great social disease? Or will the disease prove the stronger? We have the prohibition law in our land—have had it for eight years, public sentiment gave it to us. Will that same public sentiment continue to foster it and preserve it for the generations yet to come? These are questions of grave concern to every God-fearing and right thinking citizen today. This is the place, we believe, where the great task of the church of God sets in to leaven, as it were, the public mind and heart with the spirit and ideals of our Master as exemplified in the highest type of Christian ideals; to carry light to the public conscience; to continue to hold before the public mind the high ideals of the Christian religion.

The prohibition law has, within its eight years existence, proven a great blessing to all classes, especially to the working man in our towns and cities. It has delivered many homes from the curse of drink, and saved many a young man from a career of blight and placed him on a plane of an upright, useful life. And the good work is still going on, showering the blessings of sobriety and prosperity on every hand. But let us not console ourselves with the thought that the prohibition work is complete. It is far from that. Apathy and indifference as to the enforcement of the law on the part of so many of our good citizens, and, (sorry to say it) many times on the part of church members, has got to be amended. Public sentiment has got to get behind the enforcement of this law. It can never be enforced successfully until public sentiment demands its enforcement. We, therefore, recommend earnestly, that every member of our Baptist Churches and every right thinking citizen, whether a member of any church or not, or of any denomination whatsoever, to purpose in his heart with a strong purpose, to render every aid in stamping out the liquor traffic in his or her community.

Respectfully submitted

L. M. FARTHING

J. A. WILIAMS

Committee

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

From the best information that we can get, we now have about one hundred and twenty old ministers or widows of ministers on our board that receive on an average of about \$120 per year. It ought to be much more. This fund ought to be increased until all these faithful servants of Christ have an adequate support in their old age. Let each pastor and church see that more liberal offerings be made for this worthy object.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. WILSON

JOHN NORRIS

Committee

STATE OF CHURCHES

In spite of all the adverse conditions that exist among our churches we do feel that there are many things tending to growth and enlargement that should encourage us to more faithful and consecrated devotion in the enlargement of every department of our work.

Your committee feels warranted in saying that there is a growth of interest in all of the departments of our work. There is that search of information that should encourage. It seems clear that there is a spirit of enlargement on. If we are not mistaken there is a growing interest manifested in the business sessions of the Association..

Our people want to enlarge, and they will enlarge when we give ourselves to an earnest study of the Bible, with a desire in our hearts to do the Lord's will. Enlargement and Enlistment are the watchwords of the hour.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. WILSON

L. C. WILSON

Committee

DUTY OF PASTORS TO THEIR CHURCHES

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity." 1 Cor. 13:13. "Charity never faileth." We think the first duty of a pastor to his church is to have the love of God in his heart and to love his fellowman. "Charity suffereth long and is kind." Then possessing as he does, this love, he should endeavor be a true shepherd of his flock, feeding them as the elders were exhorted to do in I Peter 3:2, "to feed the flock which is among

you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint but willingly, not for filthy lucre but of a ready mind." And again, "Take heed therefore, unto yourselves and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers to feed the church of God." To do this intelligently the pastor should study the characteristics and the needs of his people as well as the message he is to bring them. He may do this by visiting the homes and working places. Then he should study, as Paul wrote to Timothy: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Truth."

Respectfully submitted

RESOLUTIONS

First, be it resolved that we extend our highest appreciation to Middle Fork Church and community for the hospitable way in which they have cared for this entire body.

Second,. That we extend our appreciation to the retiring Moderator Brother Smith Hagaman for his faithfulness to his duties.

Third. That we extend appreciation to the newly elected Moderator Brother I. G. Greer, for his efficient presiding over this the 38th session of the Three Forks Association.

Fourth. That we extend appreciation to Brother W. Y. Perry for his ever faithful duties as clerk of this Association.

Fifth. That we extend our appreciation to the visiting brethren and sisters and invite them back to cooperate with us.

Motto: Give and live, or hold and die.

Respectfully submitted

E. J. FARTHING

I. A. BUMGARNER

PROPORTIONATE REPRESENTATION

We your committee to whom the matter of changing the Constitution of the Association so as to provide a new basis of church representation in the Association was referred, submit the following:

We recommend that each church, regardless of membership, have three messengers and one additional for each 50 above 100, or the nearest fraction thereof.

Respectfully submitted

W. R. GRAGG

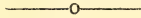
L. A. WILSON

SMITH HAGAMAN

W. S. FARTHING

WHEREAS, our loving Heavenly Father has seen fit to call from our midst our beloved W. S. Farthing on July 11, to that glorious beyond, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Three Forks Association now in session wish to express our deep sorrow at the parting of our dear brother whom we all loved for his noble life of faithful and devoted service in everything that meant for the advancement of the cause of Christ in this Association and throughout the State, even to the ends of the earth. He served as Moderator of this Association with peculiar satisfaction from 1892 to 1912. But while he is no more with us he will live on in our hearts.



R. L. PALMER

We also call attention to the death of Rev. R. L. Palmer which occurred some time before our last session. He was an earnest and faithful preacher and ever true to the doctrines of the Baptist faith. Surely it can be said of him that he came up through great tribulation. Being afflicted for a number of years, he had no little task to support his family and do much preaching.

One by one we gather across the River.

Respectfully submitted

SMITH HAGAMAN

W. Y. PERRY

L. C. WILSON

Committee

MINUTES OF THE

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance from last year	\$ 1.53
Received for Minutes	82.75
Orphanage	3.50
Hospital	4.00
Co-operative Program	14.75

Total\$ 106.53

Disbursements:

To Orphanage	\$ 3.50
Walters Durham	14.72
To Hospital	4.00
Will H. McGuire, Printing	75.21
Clerk of Association	7.50
Postage, to Clerk and Treasrer	75

Total\$ 105.68

Balance in Treasury\$.85

FINANCE

Minute Fund	\$ 67.32
Orphanage	7.00
Missions	2.50
Ministerial Relief	4.53

Total\$ 81.35

REPORT OF COLPORTER

Books and Cash reported last year	\$ 60.00
Books bought this year	33.25
Books sold this year	46.55
Books on hand	44.70
Cash on hand	2.00

Total Books and Cash on hand\$ 46.70

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. EGGERS

Colporter

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Time and Place, report to you as follows:

Having had applications from only three churches for the Convention for the coming year, and that the only church making an appeal for the Association through the Associational letter being Shulls Mills we, therefore, recommend that the Association convene next session with Shulls Mills Baptist Church.

TIME:

We recommend that the Association convene on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock following the fourth Sunday in August, 1929, and that the time be confined to two days with day session only.

PREACHER:

We recommend that P. A. Hicks preach the annual Introductory Sermon at 11 o'clock on Tuesday, or the first day.

Alternate: L. A. Wilson.

Respectfully submitted

J. R. ISAACS

W. T. VANDYKE

J. F. MOORE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: G. P. Hagaman, W. O. Gordon, D. D. Dougherty, R. C. Eggers, W. W. Wilson, Smith Hagaman, A. J. Green, I. G. Greer and W. Y. Perry.

Associational Vice President Foreign Mission Board: W. Y. Perry.

Associational B. Y. P. U., Director: Clyde R. Greene.

Associational Sunday School Director: Roy Dotson.

Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention: Smith Hagaman.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention: I. G. Greer, D. C. Mast, L. C. Wilson.

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS TO ASSOCIATIONS:

To Ashe: L. A. Wilson, John Tatum, Will H. McGuire.

To Stoney Fork: R. H. Shores, P. A. Hicks, G. W. Robbins.

To Caldwell: R. C. Eggers, W. C. Payne, W. T. Vandyke.

To Watauga: L. C. Wilson, E. J. Farthing, W. Swift.

To Mitchell: Lee Norris, E. C. Hodges, J. T. McGuire.

To Avery: G. W. Trivett, J. L. Glen, W. B. Norris.

To Brushy Mountain: I. G. Greer, Levi Greene, W. D. Farthing.

Respectfully submitted

JOHN WARD

P. A. HICKS

ROY DOTSON

COMMITTEES FOR 1929

State Missions—L. C. Wilson, G. W. Robbins.
 Home Missions—J. A. Williams, L. A. Wilson.
 Foreign Missions: Will O. Gordon, R. C. Egger.
 Christian Education: Smith Hagaman, Sam Horton.
 Pastoral Support: Clyde Green, W. T. Vandyke.
 Duties of Pastors to Churches: J. F. Moore, W. T. Byers.
 Sunday Schools: P. A. Hicks, Ed. Hagaman.
 Books and Periodicals: W. D. Farthing, Dean Swift.
 Baptist Orphanage: Mrs. D. D. Dougherty, Mrs. Mast.
 Resolutions: Roby Vines, Lee Swift.
 State of Churches: E. C. Hodges, W. C. Payne.
 Temperance: D. D. Dougherty, W. R. Gragg.
 Old Minister's Relief: J. R. Isaacs, E. J. Farthing.
 Woman's Work: Roy Dotson, Mrs. Lee Swift.
 B. Y. P. U., Work: Clyde Eggers, Joy Beamam.
 Nominations: G. P. Hagaman, Cleve Gross.
 Baptist Hospital: A. J. Greene, Mrs. Smith Hagaman.
 Order of Business: W. Y. Perry.

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SUGGESTED AMOUNT FOR EACH CHURCH TO COOPERATIVE
PROGRAM FOR 1928 - 1929

Antioch	\$ 12.00	Meat Camp	20.00
Bethel	115.00	Mt. Calvary	20.00
Beaver Dam	75.00	Mt. Gilead	5.00
Bethany	7.00	Mt. Lebanon	5.00
Brushy Fork	40.00	Oak Grove	10.00
Boone	600.00	Pleasant Grove	40.00
Blowing Rock	110.00	Proffit's Grove	10.00
Cove Creek	156.00	Rich Mountain	5.00
Cool Spring	8.00	Samson	2.00
Clark's Creek	3.00	Shull's Mills	10.00
Elk Knob	2.00	South Fork	40.00
Fall Creek	4.00	Stoney Fork	10.00
Forest Grove	20.00	Three Forks	75.00
Gap Creek	8.00	Timbered Ridge	20.00
Howard's Creek	10.00	Union	20.00
Laurel Spring	15.00	Willowdale	20.00
Middle Fork	25.00	Zionville	20.00

Zion Hill

15.00

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

Yr.	Church	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1841	Three Forks	Isaiah Wilcoxon	Richard Gentry	
1842	Beaver Creek	Isaiah Wilcoxon	Richard Gentry	B. McBride
1843	Roans Creek	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	Richard Gentry
1844	South Fork	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	B. McBride
1845	Three Forks	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	R. P. Farthing
1846	Roans Creek	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	Richard Gentry
1847	Ebenezer	B. McBride	John Cook	Jos. Harrison
1848	Three Forks	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	B. McBride
1849	North Fork	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	Richard Gentry
1850	Gap Creek	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	B. McBride
1851	Pine Grove	B. McBride	John Cook	Jos. Harrison
1852	Cove Creek	B. McBride	John Cook	L. Hodges
1853	Horse Creek	B. McBride	John Cook	A. Farthing
1854	Old Fields	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	I. Farmer
1855	RoanCreek	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	A. C. Farthing
1856	Antioch	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	L. Hodges
1857	Meat Camp	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	J. A. Farthing
1858	South Fork	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	John Cook
1859	Three Forks	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	Jos. Harrison
1860	Bethel	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	Wm. Wilcoxon
1861	Three Forks	J. A. Farthing	Rufus Moore	D. C. Harman
1862	Gap Creek	J. A. Farthing	Rufus Moore	A. C. Farthing
1863	Ebenezer	J. A. Farthing	Rufus Moore	J. A. Farthing
1864	Cove Creek	J. A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	R. P. Farthing
1865	Mulberry	A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	S. J. Farthing
1866	Meat Camp	J. A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	A. C. Farthing
1867	Brushy Fork	A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	D. C. Harman
1868	Globe	J. A. Farthing	iram McBride	L. L. Maples
1869	Bethel	A. Farthing	D. C. Harman	Job Moore
1870	Three Forks	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman	D. C. Harman
1871	Yadkin	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman	R. P. Farthing
1872	Antioch	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman	A. C. Farthing
1873	Meat Camp	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman	T. F. Nelson
1874	Mulberry	A. Farthing	D. C. Harman	A. C. Farthing
1875	Mt. Zion	D. C. Harman	L. L. Greene	D. C. Harman
1876	Mt. Pleasant	D. C. Harman	L. L. Greene	J. M. Hall
1877	Globe	D. C. Harman	L. L. Greene	J. A. Farthing
1878	Cove Creek	A. C. Farthing	Hiram McBride	W. B. Brown
1879	South Fork	A. C. Farthing	Hiram McBride	Asa Brown
1880	Pisgah	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman	D. C. Harman
1881	Brushy Fork	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman	E. F. Jones
1882	Flat Top	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman	D. C. Harman
1883	Mulberry	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman	A. C. Farthing
1884	Bethel	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman	E. F. Jones
1885	Three Forks	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman	J. J. L. Sherwood
1886	Laurel Spring	A. C. Farthing	J. J. T. Reese	C. W. Thomas
1887	Beaver Dam	A. C. Farthing	J. J. T. Reese	J. M. Harman
1888	Boone	A. C. Farthing	J. J. T. Reese	J. H. Farthing
1889	Mt. Zion	A. C. Farthing	Jacob Younce	David Greene
1890	Three Forks	A. C. Farthing	Jacob Younce	Dr. C. E. Taylor
1891	Mt. Gilead	A. C. Farthing	Jacob Younce	J. J. L. Sherwood
1892	Meat Camp	W. S. Farthing	Jacob Younce	J. F. Davis
1893	Antioch	W. S. Farthing	Jacob Younce	H. Farthing
1894	Gap Creek	J. F. Spainhour	Jacob Younce	Dr. A. Durham
1895	Cove Creek	W. S. Farthing	Jacob Younce	L. A. Wilson
1896	South Furk	W. S. Farthing	Jacob Younce	J. E. White
1897	Brushy Fork	W. S. Farthing	Smith Hagaman	H. Farthing
1898	Cool Spring	W. S. Farthing	Smith Hagaman	David Greene
1899	Beech Mtn	W. S. Farthing	Smith Hagaman	L. C. Wilson
1900	Laurel Spring	J. A. Farthing	Smith Hagaman	I. C. Wilson

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

(Continued)

Yr.	Church	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1901	Bethel.....	W. S. Farthing...	Smith Hagaman..	J. M. Payne...
1902	Fla Top.....	W. S. Farthing...	Smith Hagaman..	D. C. Harman..
1903	Zion Hill.....	W. S. Farthing...	Smith Hagaman..	Sol Younce....
1904	Elk Valley.....	W. S. Farthing...	Smith Hagaman..	J. F. Eller.....
1905	Pleasant Grove..	W. S. Farthing...	Smith Hagaman..	C. S. Farthing..
1906	Shulls Mills....	W. S. Farthing...	Smith Hagaman..	David Greene..
1907	Boone.....	W. S. Farthing...	Smith Hagaman..	C. S. Farthing..
1908	Forest Grove....	W. S. Farthing...	Smith Hagaman..	J. M. Payne....
1909	Howards Creek..	W. S. Farthing...	Smith Hagaman..	D. A. Greene...
1910	Beaver Dam.....	W. S. Farthing...	Smith Hagaman..	J. M. Payne....
1911	Mt. Calvary.....	W. S. Farthing...	Smith Hagaman..	G. W. Trivett..
1912	South Fork.....	J. J. L. Sherwood..	Smith Hagaman..	J. J. L. Sherwood
1913	Cove Creek.....	J. J. L. Sherwood..	Smith Hagaman..	J. F. Eller.....
1914	Meat Camp.....	J. J. L. Sherwood..	Smith Hagaman..	J. M. Payne....
1915	Zionville.....	J. J. L. Sherwood..	W. Y. Perry.....	L. A. Wilson....
1916	Sony Fork.....	J. J. L. Sherwood..	W. Y. Perry.....	J. F. Eller.....
1917	Antioch.....	J. J. L. Sherwood..	W. Y. Perry.....	L. C. Wilson....
1918	Bethel.....	Smith Hagaman..	W. Y. Perry.....	W. Swift.....
1919	Union.....	Smith Hagaman..	W. Y. Perry.....	R. C. Eggers...
1920	Gap Creek.....	Smith Hagaman..	W. Y. Perry.....	R. C. Eggers...
1921	Brushy Fork....	Smith Hagaman..	W. Y. Perry.....	F. M. Huggins..
1922	Timbered Ridge..	Smith Hagaman..	W. Y. Perry.....	L. C. Wilson....
1923	Laurel Spring...	Smith Hagaman..	W. Y. Perry.....	R. C. Eggers...
1924	Pleasant Grove..	Smith Hagaman..	W. Y. Perry.....	Roy Dotson....
1925	Three Forks....	Smith Hagaman..	W. Y. Perry.....	F. M. Huggins..
1926	South Fork.....	Smith Hagaman..	W. Y. Perry.....	E. J. Farthing..
1927	Zion Hill.....	Smith Hagaman..	W. Y. Perry.....	Braxton Craig..
1928	Middle Fork....	I. G. Greer.....	W. Y. Perry.....	L. A. Hurst....

TABLE 1: CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC., THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION FOR 1928

Churches	When Constituted	Pastors and Addresses	Days of Meeting	Members Reported	Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Dis. by Letter	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Present Membership	Prayer Meetings?	Revals during Year	Observed Supper?	Subscribers State Paper
Antioch	C 1848	W. Swift, Reese, N. C.	1	174	5	1	5	3	4	1	2	175	No	1	1	2	5
Bethel	C 1851	W. O. Gordon, Sherwood	4	201	18	4	4	2	1	4	4	206	No	1	1	1	5
Beaver Dam	C 1874	R. C. Eggers, Zionville	2	84	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	90	No	1	1	1	3
Bethany	C 1896	F. C. Watts, Parlier	3	129	1	1	1	1	10	1	1	120	No	1	1	1	3
Boone Fork	C 1838	G. W. Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro	2	149	2	2	4	5	5	1	1	146	No	1	1	1	3
Boone	C 1871	P. A. Hicks, Boone	All	367	22	4	4	1	8	1	1	406	Yes	1	4	104	3
Blowing Rock	C 1871	P. A. Hicks, Boone	1-3	148	3	2	2	1	8	1	3	144	No	1	1	1	4
Cove Creek	C 1799	W. O. Gordon, Sherwood	1-3	170	4	5	5	7	6	1	3	169	No	1	1	1	4
Cool Spring	C 1887	E. C. Hodges, Adams	3	100	5	5	5	6	6	1	1	98	Yes	1	1	1	4
Clark's Creek	C 1887	E. C. Hodges, Adams	3	100	5	5	5	6	6	1	1	98	Yes	1	1	1	4
Elk Knob	C 1885	L. A. Wilson, Boone	2	59	2	5	5	8	8	2	1	66	No	2	2	2	3
Fall Creek	C 1885	L. A. Pennell, Zionville	3	157	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	148	No	1	1	1	3
Forest Grove	C 1889	L. A. Wilson, Boone	2	96	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	96	No	1	1	1	3
Gap Creek	C 1882	L. B. Hodges, Adams	3	102	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	104	Yes	1	1	1	3
Howard's Creek	C 1873	E. C. Hodges, Adams	2	171	4	1	1	4	4	1	1	164	No	1	1	1	3
Laurel Spring	C 945	R. C. Egger, Zionville	4	92	12	3	1	1	1	1	1	103	Yes	1	1	1	10
Middle Fork	C 1851	F. C. Murray, State Road	3	130	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	130	No	1	1	1	1
Meat Camp	C 1851	F. C. Watts, Parlier	2	142	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	144	Yes	1	1	1	1
Mt. Calvary	C 1891	W. D. Ashlev, Blowing Rock	4	120	39	6	6	2	3	4	2	157	Yes	1	1	1	1
Mt. Lebanon	C 1891	E. J. Farthing, Sugar Grove	1	99	7	7	7	1	2	1	1	97	No	1	1	1	1
Mt. Gilead	C 1916	Monroe Grace, Vilas	4	258	20	13	13	2	3	18	1	83	No	1	1	1	5
Oak Grove	C 1891	G. W. Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro	4	85	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	78	No	1	1	1	5
Pleasant Grove	C 1921	L. A. Wilson, Boone	4	85	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	78	No	1	1	1	5
Profit's Grove	C 1905	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock	1	86	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	78	No	1	1	1	5
Rich Mountain	C 1873	L. C. Miller, Patterson	4	90	3	1	1	9	9	1	1	84	No	1	1	1	3
Samson	C 1838	Levi Greene, Deep Gap	2	138	2	6	6	2	2	1	1	134	No	1	1	1	3
Shulls Mills	C 1833	(Not given)	2	143	2	6	6	2	2	1	1	149	No	1	1	1	3
South Fork	C 1841	F. C. Watts, Parlier	1	121	6	1	1	1	1	3	1	124	No	1	1	1	3
Stoney Fork	C 1790	F. C. Watts, Parlier	2	85	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	88	No	1	1	1	3
Three Forks	C 1865	C. Wilson, Sugar Grove	2	97	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	195	No	1	1	1	3
Timbered Ridge	C 1865	G. W. Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro	2	110	3	1	1	3	3	2	2	105	No	1	1	1	2
Union	C 1911	W. O. Gordon, Sherwood	2	151	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	148	No	1	1	1	2
Willowdale	C 1836	R. C. Eggers, Zionville	1	151	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	148	No	1	1	1	2
Zionville	C 1886	R. C. Eggers, Zionville	3	132	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	133	No	1	1	1	2
Zion Hill	C 1886	L. C. Wilson, Sugar Grove	3	132	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	133	No	1	1	1	2

TABLE II: SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION FOR 1928

Churches	Superintendent and Address	S. S. ENROLLMENT										SPECIAL INFORMATION						
		Officers & Teachers	Beginners, 3-5	Primaries, 6-8	Juniors, 9-12	Intermediates, 13-16	Young People, 17-24	Adults, 25 up	Cradle Roll, under 3	Home Department	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Is School Graded?	Standard A-1?	Teachers with Dip.	Baptisms for S. S.	Gifts to Ch. Work	Gifts to Missions, etc.
Antioch	W. J. Farthing, Valle Crucis, N.C.	8	4	5	7	12	10	13			58	18	Yes	No	1	3	\$ 10.59	\$
Bethel	Carl Farthing, Sugar Grove.	8	34	15	14	13	26	28			148	132	Yes	No		18	38.95	16.08
Beaver Dam	S. M. Dugger, Reese.	8	20	30	18	15	12	40			140	90	No	No	4	2	15.30	20.63
Bethany	J. L. Triplett, Maney.		10	2	9	5	10	14	2		52	40						
Brushy Fork	L. M. Trivett, Vilas.	8									90	51					20.00	
Boone	W. R. Gragg, Boone.	16	44	26	59	48	279	86			558	202	Yes	No	12	18	426.75	39.42
Blowing Rock	J. H. Winkler, Blowing Rock.	10	25	10	34	16	26	35			150	85	Yes	No	3	3	78.00	25.00
Cove Creek	W. F. Sherwood, Sherwood.	11	14	12	9	45	33	28			141	125	Yes	No	4	4	57.15	94.42
Cool Spring	J. W. Pennell, Boone.	3	8	6	7	7	8	13			50	40				5		25.00
Clark's Creek																		
Elk Knob																		
Fall Creek	M. W. Storie, Heaton.	6	6	8		10		12	6		42	35					3.40	2.00
Forest Grove	W. R. Johnson, Vilas.	7	7	9	8	6	33	18			88	50			1		30.26	4.75
Gap Creek	Thos. Fairchild, Deep Gap.	7	20	9	9	11	20	40			107	62					6.42	
Howard's Creek	Edmond Greene, Boone.	6		10	8	12	15	20			77	25						
Laurel Spring	Arthur Greene, Deep Gap.	8	15	8	26	21	26	45	6		148	75			1	4	23.04	2.61
Middle Fork	J. H. Hollifield, B. Rock.	5	6	5	10			14			40	35						
Meat Camp	M. C. Brown, Boone.	6	9	6		15		24			58	32				5	10.00	1.56
Mt. Calvary	R. E. Smith, Banner Elk.	8	5	10	8	6	36	5			115	85	Yes	No			37.36	4.15
Mt. Lebanon	T. T. Danner, Valle Crucis.	6	16	15	12	17	14	35			66		No	No			12.00	
Mt. Giload		5	10		8	18		25			71	60	No	No	1	13	53.18	10.00
Oak Grove	Clev. Gross, Boone.	4	12	15			20	20			155	91					17.01	2.61
Pleasant Grove	Wade Byers, Zionville.	8	35	36	36	20	30				104	69						
Profit's Grove	L. E. Wilson, Zionville.	7	18		16	19	14	30			40	40	No	No		1		
Rich Mountain	H. W. McNeil, Zionville.	4	12															
Samson																		
Shulls Mills	G. R. McLone, Shulls Mill.	6	10	7			18	15			56							
South Fork	John Cox, Todd.																	
Stoney Fork	B. F. Cook, Stoney Fork.	8	30	10	10	25		50	15		148	120	Yes	No		2	15.00	14.00
Three Forks	I. T. Barnett, Boone.	7		6	10	20	20				63	44	Yes	No				85.03
Timbered Ridge	E. B. Hagaman, Beech Creek.	6									61							
Union		8	10	12	25	25	50	50			180	85						
Willowdale	A. J. Greene, Vilas.	7	3	5	6	9	14	30			74	60			1		20.00	45.00
Zionville	J. R. Isaacs, Mabel.	9									136	95						40.91
Zion Hill	M. A. Ward, Beech Creek.	7			13	10	12	13			55	40					12.13	29.87

Churches

Clerks and Addresses

Churches	Clerks and Addresses	Does Church own House?	Materials used	When was it built?	Persons Seated	Number Rooms	All Depts. cared for?	All Classes cared for?	Value House — Ground	Value Pastor's Home	Total Value of Property	Indebtedness on prop.	Insurance Carried?
Antioch	L. W. Ward, Sugar Grove, N. C.	Yes	Wood	1902	300	1	Yes	No	\$ 2500		\$ 2500		
Bethel	W. R. Vines, Sugar Grove	Yes	Brick	1924	350	7	Yes	Yes	8000		8000		
Beaver Dam	J. H. Robinson, Reese	Yes	Wood	1924	300	5	Yes	Yes	3500		3500		
Bethany	J. L. Triplett, Matney	Yes	Wood	1895	250	1	No	No	500		500		
Bethany Fork	M. J. Williams, Vilas	Yes	Brick	1886	500	1	No	No	2500		2500		
Boone	J. T. C. Wright, Boone	Yes	Wood	1915	350	10	No	No	25000	5000	30000		6000
Blowing Rock	Mrs. R. L. Greene, B. Rock	Yes	Brick	1924	300	8	Yes	Yes	17000		17000		
Cove Creek	J. S. McBride, Sherwood	Yes	Wood	1923	200	7	Yes	Yes	15000	2000	17000	700	10000
Cool Spring	R. K. Hartley, Blowing Rock	Yes	Wood	1898	300	1	No	No	1500		1500		
Clark's Creek													
Elk Knob	Mrs. Alice Johnson, Tamarack	Yes	Wood	1890	300	1	No	No	500		500		
Fall Creek	L. L. Storie, Heaton	Yes	Wood	1927	300	1	No	No	1000		1000		
Forest Grove	Ellis Moody, Vilas	Yes	Wood	1907	400	1	No	No	1200		1200		
Gan Creek	Thos. Fairchild, Deep Gap	Yes	Wood		300	1	No	No	1200		1200		
Howard's Creek	L. F. Cottrell, Boone	Yes	Wood	1900	300	1	No	No	700		700		
Laurel Spring	J. B. Clawson, Deep Gap	Yes	Wood	1894	500	1	No	No	1500		1500		
Middle Fork	J. C. Ashlev, Blowing Rock	Yes	Wood	1905	400	1	No	No	1800		1800		
Meat Camp	L. A. Greene, Boone	Yes	Wood	1927	500	5	Yes	Yes	6000		6000		
Mt. Calvary	W. H. Shomaker, Balm	Yes	Wood	300	1	No	No	No	1000		1000		
Mt. Lebanon	B. A. Hodges, Vilas	Yes	Wood	1891	300	1	No	No	800		800		
Mt. Gilead	O. H. Trivett, Beech Creek	Yes	Wood	1900	200	1	No	No	2000		2000		
Oak Grove	Linell Ward, Boone	Yes	Wood	1922	400	4	Yes	Yes	2500		2500		
Pleasant Grove	J. H. Mast, Zionville	Yes	Wood	1892	500	5	Yes	Yes	1500		1500		
Profit's Grove	D. L. Greene, Zionville	Yes	Wood	1921	300	1	No	No	1000		1000		
Rich Mountain	H. W. McNeil, Zionville	Yes	Wood	1905	300	1	No	No	1000		1000		
Samson													
Shulls Mills	J. M. Day, Shulls Mills	Yes	Wood	1888	300	1	No	No	2500		2500		
South Fork	Will H. McGuire, Todd	Yes	Wood	1900	250	1	No	No	2000		2000		
Stoney Fork	J. S. Wellborn, Deep Gap	Yes	Wood	1900	600	1	No	No	1000		1000		
Three Forks	A. J. Edmisten, Boone	Yes	Wood	1922	500	1	No	No	3500		3500	86	
Timbered Ridge	W. L. Greene, Peoria	Yes	Wood	300	1	No	No	No	1000		1000		
Union	Hazel Norris, Mabel	Yes	Wood	1887	300	1	No	No	600		600		
Unionville	I. A. Bumgarner, Vilas	Yes	Wood	1923	300	7	Yes	Yes	8000		8000	300	
Ziondale	J. R. Isaacs, Mabel	Yes	Wood	1926	500	7	Yes	Yes	5000		5000		
Zionville													
Zion Hill	Gradon Hagaman, Beech Creek	Yes	Wood	1886	400	2	No	No	1500		1500		

TABLE IV: GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK IN THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION IN 1928.

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TABLE VI: B. Y. P. U.'S OF THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION FOR 1927.

Churches											Total D. B. Readers	
	Adult Unions	Senior Unions	Int. Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions	Standard Unions	Adults Enrolled	Seniors Enrolled	Int. Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Sys. Givers in Unions
Boone	T	2	1	1	4			105	35	25	160	40
Blowing Rock	T	1		1	2			20		25	45	6
Cove Creek	C	1						52				18
												19

W. Y. Perry, Clerk of Three Forks Association, Vilas, N. C.

I. G. Greer, Moderator of Three Forks Association, Boone, N. C.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE THREE FORKS W. M. U.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Association was held at Boone Church, Sept. 13, 1928, the superintendent, Mrs. I. G. Greer, in the chair.

Th morning devotional was conducted by Mrs. Coffey, prayer by Dr. Will Gordon.

Mrs. D. D. Dougherty then delivered an address of welcome. Response by Mrs. Hartley.

The roll call came next and the societies responded as follows:

Cove Creek, 7; Beaver Dam, 3; Blowing Rock, 6; Bethel, 5; Boone, 18.

The following Societies then made reports:

Cóve Creek, W. M. S. and Sunbeam Band, Beaver Dam, W. M. S.

Blowing Rock, W. M. S.

Boone, W. M. S., Y. W. A. and R. A.

Bethel, W. M. S.

The personal Service report by Mrs. Smith Hagaman, associational chairman, came next.

Mrs. Edna R. Harris then delivered a splendid address on tithing.

The superintendent made her annual report and tendered her resignation which the union accepted regretfully. A beautiful solo by Miss Grabel was followed by a talk on Mission Work by Mrs. Harris. The G. A.'s of Boone, under the leadership of Mrs. Honeycut, then gave an interesting program.

Just before adjournment for dinner the following committees were appointed:

Nominating Committee—Mrs. Enoch Swift, Mrs. Hodges, Mrs. Tom Coffey, Mrs. Will Farthing.

Recommendations—Mrs. D. F. Horton.

Resolutions—Mrs. Hodges, Mrs. Lee Swift.

Time and lace—Mrs. D. D. Dougherty, Mrs. Hartley and Mrs. Perry.

The afternoon devotional was conducted by Mrs. D. F. Horton.

Mrs. Will Gordon made a talk on Mission Literature.

Talk by Mrs. D. P. Coffey on the importance of following up our campaign.

Miss Beaman made an interesting talk on "The Young Peoples Work."

Mrs. Triplett made a report of the work of the Boone G. A.'s, followed by a talk on G. A. work by Mrs. Honeycut.

An obituary of Mrs. Nan Johnson was read by Mrs. Enoch Swift, and "In the Sweet Bye and Bye" was sung in memory of Mrs. G. W. Gragg and Mrs. Presnell.

Dr. Will O. Gordon then made a splendid talk on "The Need of Constructive Work."

By request of the Cove Creek Society the next quarterly meeting will convene with that church.

A collection was taken to pay for printing the minutes and received \$4.12.

Mrs. Greer called attention to the fact that there is a 10 per cent. increase in the apportionments for the coming year, and Mrs. Harris discussed the Ruby Anniversary goal.

The committee on recommendations then made the following report:

The executive committee of the Woman's Missionary Union recommend:

That the plan of work adopted by the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, and presented to each society in the year book, be adopted as our plan of work for the year.

- 1st. Individual and united prayer.
- 2nd. Bible study.
- 3rd. Mission study.
- 4th. Soul winning.
- 5th. Enlistment and training for service.
- 6th. Organized Personal Service.
- 7th. Systematic and proportionate giving.

That we declare ourselves on the side of all the forces of righteousness—national patriotism, law enforcement, world peace, Sabbath observance and the sacredness of the home.

That we observe the 9 o'clock prayer for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom, hold cottage prayer meetings whenever and wherever necessary and observe the weeks of prayer, for Foreign, Home and State Missions.

The Nominating Committee made the following report::

Mrs. J. L. Qualls, Superintendent.

Mrs. Doe Coffey, Associate Superintendent.

Mrs. W. W. Wilson, Secretary.

Mrs. D. D. Dougerty, Y. P. Leader.

Mrs. J. D. Brown, Mission Study Leader.

Mrs. Smith Hagaman, Personal Service Chairman.

The report adopted.

Th Committee on Time and Place report Blowing Rock as the place. Time: Some time in October.

Mrs. Hodges extended thanks to the church and society of Boone for their cordial hospitality.

Benediction by Rev. P. A. Hicks.

MRS. CLYDE PERRY,	MRS. I. G. GREER,
Secretary Pro Tem.	Superintendent.

Donated by W. Y. Perry - Vilas, N. C.

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W. Y. Perry Vilas, N. C.

COLPORTER

R. C. Eggers Zionville, N. C.

HISTORIAN

A. J. Greene Vilas, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Smith Hagaman, R. C. Eggers, A. J. Greene, G. P. Hagaman,
L. C. Wilson, Roy Dotson, W. J. Farthing, I. G. Greer, W. Y. Perry.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Antioch—W. H. Glenn Vilas, N. C.
Bethel—L. C. Wilson Sugar Grove, N C.
Bethel—E. J. Farthing Sugar Grove, N C.
Bethel—R. M. Farthing Breda Alberta, Canada
Bethany—J. T. McGuire Linville, N. C.
Boone—P. A Hicks Boone, N C.
Cove Creek—W. O. Gordon Sherwood, N C.
Cool Spring—W. C. Payne Blowing Rock, N C.
Forest Grove—W. Swift Reese, N. C.
Forest Grove—Roy Dotson Vilas, N. C.
Howards Crrek—Ed Greene Boone, N. C.
Howards. Creek—John Norris Boone, N. C.
Laurel Spring—J. L. Greene Deep Gap, N C.
Middle Fork—R. H. Shore Blowing Rock, N. C.
Middle Fork—J. M. Bradshaw Blowing Rock, N. C.
Mt. Lebanon—J. R. Shores Lovil, N. C.
Oak Grove—E. C. Hodges..... Adams, N. C.
Proffits Grove—L. A. Wilson Boone, N. C.
Rich Mountain—W. A. Pennell Zionville, N C.
South Fork—J. M. Griggs Todd, N. C.
Stony Fork—H. H. Smith Deep Gap, N C.
Willowdale—G. W. Trivett Vilas, N C.
Willowdale—A J Greene Vilas, N. C.
Zionville—R. C. Eggers Zionville, N C.

ROLL OF MESSENGERS

Antioch—J. L. Glenn, W. J. Farthing
Bethel—W. W. Wilson, D. T. Greene
Beaver Dam—Lee Swift, G. W. Robinson
Bethany—L. M. Farthing
Brushy Fork—Gordon Hodges, D. S. Love
Blowing Rock—Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hodges, Mrs. D. P. Coffey
Boone—Smith Hagaman, Clyde R. Green, S. C. Eggers.
Cove Creek—D. F. Horton, D C. Mast, Mrs. D. F. Horton, Mrs. W. Y. Perry.
Clarks Creek, J. S. Byrd, G. W. Byrd, Wilson Townsend, C. C. Lawrence.
Cool Spring—C. M. Shore, R. L. Andrew, J. W. Pennell
Elk Knob:—No report or messengers
Fall Creek—M. W. Storie
Forest Grove—W. E. Roark, Ellis Moody
Gap Creek—Thomas Fairchild
Howards Creek—J. E. Morris, L. F. Cottrell
Laurel Spring—Joe Coffel, Rufus Idol, Arthur Greene
Meat Camp—B. B. Brown, M. C. Brown
Middle Fork—W. T. Vandyke, G. F. Edmisten, J. W. Holifield
Mt. Calvary—J. C. Greer, Ed Perry
Mt. Gillead—Elmer Warren
Mt. Lebanon—F. D. Hollars, T. R. Earp, S. B. Hayes
Oak Grove—W. M. Hodges
Pleasant Grove—N. T. Byars, L. S. Pennell, J. H. Mast
Proffits Grove—W. A. Proffit, Grady Wilson
Rich Mountain—A. B. Greene, L. E. Beach, H. W. McNeil
Samson—No Report or Messengers
Shulls Mills—G. W. Robbins, J. L. Storie, G. R. McLean
South Fork—J. L. Tatum, Will H. McGuire, Otto Wagner
Stony Fork—D. L. Wellborn, B. F. Cook, J. S. Wellborn
Three Forks—J. C. Brookshire
Timbered Ridge—J. Y. Smitherman, E. B. Hagaman
Union—Henry Norris, Mae Norris, Hazel Norris
Willowdale—I. A. Bumgardner.
Zionville—J. R. Isaacs
Zion Hill—M. A. Ward, H. A Hagaman, Alvin Cannon.

MINUTES

Shulls Mills, N. C.

August 27, 1929

The Eighty-ninth Annual Session of the Three Forks Association convened with the Shulls Mills Baptist Church Tuesday, August 27, 1929 at 9 A. M.

Devotional services consisted in singing, "Amazing Grace," after which G. P. Sherrill led in prayer. "Nearer My God to Thee" was sung. At the request of P. A. Hicks the brethren quoted a number of scripture verses. Prayer by E. C. Hodges. "Crown Him Lord of All" was then sung. P. A. Hicks, the appointee to preach the annual sermon announced his text; theme, "Helping Jesus to Win the World."

After the sermon, "How Firm A Foundation" was sung followed by prayer led by R. C. Eggers

The moderator delivered his annual address in which he emphasized:

1. Organization by the church to get its members to attend worship.
2. Be careful in the selection of pastors.
3. 100 per cent church attendance.
4. Church discipline.
5. The need of more deacons in each church.

The association was called to order by the Moderator for the transaction of business.

On motion of W. J. Farthing, P. A. Hicks was requested to cast the ballot of the association for I. G. Greer as Moderator. The ballot was so cast.

At this time, P. A. Hicks presented to the Association a gavel made by Bro. J. D. Brown of Blowing Rock Church. The gavel was made from a block of wood cut from the original site of Three Forks Church, the moth-

er of the Association. The gavel was accepted by the Moderator on behalf of the Association.

L. C. Wilson nominated Roy Dotson for Clerk. W. J. Farthing put in nomination, W. Y. Perry, the present Clerk. The ballot resulted in the election of W. Y. Perry.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

Order of Business:-Smith Hagaman and J. R. Isaacs.

Religious Exercises:-Pastor and messengers from Shulls Mills Church.

Time, Place, and Preacher:-Roy Dotson.

Finance:-W. J. Farthing, Lee Swift, W. T. Vandyke.

Obituaries:-A. J. Green, Clyde R. Greene and J. F. Moore.

Temperance:-Geo. R. Sherrill, W. D. Farthing, Clyde Eggers.

On motion the Church Associational Letters were referred to the Clerk.

Correspondents and visitors were requested to announce themselves.

The following responded:

Dr. C. E. Maddy, representing the State Board of Missions.

R. L. Sherley, representing the Biblical Recorder.

H. E. Coffey from Ashe and Alleghany Association.

Thomas Cable and Thomas Farthing from Watauga Association, Tennessee.

W. A. Brazwell, Avery County Association.

Henry Crisp, Caldwell County Association.

B. F. Wilcox and G. W. Brown, Stony Fork Association.

J. G. Pulliam, Santa Barbara Association, California.

L. C. Wilson read the report on State Missions.

J. A. Williams read the report on Home Missions.

The committee on Foreign Missions not being ready to report, a motion prevailed to discuss all missions together and have Foreign Mission Report later.

Dr. Maddry made a great speech on Missions, giving the history of missions from the time of Luther Rice and Adoniram Judson.

Reports adopted.

FIRST DAY

Afternoon Session

L. C. Wilson led the devotional exercises in singing, "Alas and Did My Savior Bleed," then read a scripture lesson from the first chapter of 1 Thessalonians after which Bro. Wilson led in prayer.

The Association proceeded to business.

A. J. Greene read the report of the Executive Committee. A. J. Greene discussed the recommendation concerning the churches observing the fifth Sunday in September as Home Coming Day.

W. Y. Perry discussed the call of the pastor, followed by J. R. Isaacs. Smith Hagaman continued the discussion of both the call of pastors and ordination of ministers followed by J. G. Pulliam. W. D. Farthing spoke on the question of churches dealing with members. The question of selecting more deacons was discussed by G. P. Hagaman. Report adopted.

The B. Y. P. U. report was read and discussed by Clyde Eggers followed by a demonstration of B. Y. P. U. work by four young ladies of Boone Church B. Y. P. U.

W. O. Gordon continued the discussion. Report adopted.

Mrs. Lee Swift read the report on Woman's Work which was adopted after being discussed by Mrs. Lee Qualls and Roy Dotson.

The report on Books and Periodicals was read by W. D. Farthing. R. L. Sherley and J. G. Pulliam discussed the report. Report adopted.

A. J. Greene read and discussed the report on Baptist Hospitals. Report adopted.

Smith Hagaman moved that the Association adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock and spend twenty minutes in devotional exercises. The Moderator appointed W. A. Brazwell to conduct the same. Benediction by Miss Treva Rhodes.

SECOND DAY

Morning Session

Devotional exercises were begun by singing "Crown Him Lord of All." R. L. Sherley led in prayer. A. J. Greene read the twenty seventh Psalm, then led in prayer. The Association sang "Lord I'm Coming Home."

The roll of messengers was called and absentees erased.

M. L. Kesler, General Manager of the Baptist Orphanage, announced his presence and was welcomed by the Moderator.

A motion prevailed to appoint a Committee on Committees. P. A. Hicks, N. T. Byers and Smith Hagaman were appointed.

On motion and second it was advised by the Association that the churches enroll in their list of messengers all ordained ministers.

Smith Hagaman read the report on Christian Education and very ably discussed it. Report adopted.

At this time Dr. Kesler was added to the Committee on Orphanage.

No report being ready on the Orphanage Dr. Kesler discussed the Orphanage Work in full showing how a

directly to all other objects fostered by the Baptist State Convention.

W. O. Gordon discussed the welfare work of the Orphanage. Report adopted.

The report on Sunday School was read and discussed by P. A. Hicks.

Clyde R. Greene read the report on Pastoral Support and on motion to adopt, the question is discussed by Clyde R. Greene and is adopted.

On motion of G. W. Robbins and seconded by A. J. Greene, the Association adjourned for one hour.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Eber Gragg.

SECOND DAY

Afternoon Session

The Association convened at one P. M.

E. J. Farthing read the 23rd Psalm. R. C. Eggers led in prayer. "Only Trust Him," and "Pass Me Not," were sung.

E. C. Hodges read and discussed the report on State of Churches. John Norris continued the discussion, followed by J. G. Pulliam.

J. F. Moore read the report on Duties of Pastors to churches. W. O. Gordon discussed the report, followed by M. L. Kesler. Report adopted.

Smith Hagaman led a prayer for more consecrated pastors.

The report on Temperance was read and discussed by George R. Sherrill.

Report adopted.

E. J. Farthing read and discussed the report on Mini-

sterial Relief. J. R. Isaacs continued the discussion. The report was adopted.

The report on Resolutions was read for the Committee by the clerk. Report adopted.

Smith Hagaman read the report on Nominations. The report was adopted.

The report of Committee on Committees was adopted after being read by Smith Hagaman.

The Committee on Finance reported. Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Obituaries was read by Clyde R. Greene. L. C. Wilson spoke briefly on the life of D. D. Dougherty.

R.C.Eggers, the Colporteur, read his report, which was adopted.

R. C. Eggers was re-elected Colporteur.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted. W. Y. Perry was re-elected as Treasurer.

The report on Time, Place, and Preacher was read by Roy Dotson. Adopted.

A collection was taken to pay deficit on Clerk's last year salary and received \$8.08.

W. D. Farthing and P. A. Hicks spoke about organizing the Layman's movement. On motion Association endorsed the Layman's movement and appointed J. F. Moore as Director for this Association.

A committee consisting of Smith Hagaman, W. D. Farthing, and L. C. Wilson were appointed to advise Mt. Lebanon Church concerning the use of Sunday School Literature.

On motion of L. C. Wilson, the resolution introduced at the 1928 session of the Association concerning changing the constitutional basis of representation of the Churches in the Association was referred again to the Churches for consideration and action. The resolution reads as follows: "We, your committee to whom the

matter of changing the constitution of the Association so as to provide a new basis of church representation in the Association was referred, submit the following:

We recommend that each church regardless of membership, have three messengers, and one additional for each 50 above 100 or the nearest fraction thereof."

On motion and second, the Association adjourned. The closing exercises were conducted by L. C. Wilson. After the congregation sang, "I gave My Life to Thee", Brother Wilson read the twenty third Psalm. M. S. Kesler led in prayer. "How Firm A Foundation" was sung while the messengers gave each other the parting hand. Benediction by A. J. Greene.

I. G. GREER
Moderator

W. Y. PERRY, Clerk

Thus ended one of the best sessions the Association has held for many years.

Clerk.

REPORTS

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee prepared a program for Home-coming Day on the Fifth Sunday in September, 1928. About twenty churches observed it. The reports were gratifying. It brought the people into action.

For the Fifth Sunday in December we planned for an Educational Day, but an epidemic of influenza prevented our having it.

On the Fifth Sunday in March, 1929, we had an Easter Service, which was observed in many churches. At our March meeting we passed the following resolutions:

1. That the deficit of \$10 in the minute funds be paid out of the money for this year;
2. That the clerk ask the churches how many minutes that they want this year;
3. That a committee be appointed to abbreviate the reports this year;

That a Sunday-School revival be held in August.

On the Fifth Sunday in June we endorsed the convention of the B. Y. P. U., under the leadership of Brother Clyde Greene, and the Sunday-School Institute directed by Brother Roy Dotson in July and August.

At our meeting on August 18, we agreed to present the following resolutions for the consideration of the Association:

1. That we have another Home-Coming Day in the churches on the Fifth Sunday in September;
2. That we advise the churches to call their pastors indefinitely and to discourage proxy voting in calling them;
3. That we advise the churches to be more cautious in ordaining ministers;
4. That we advise the churches to require attendance, contributions for expenses, and better living of all members;
5. That we advise the churches to have sufficient number of deacons and that they meet often in conference with the pastor.

6. That we have a collection at the Home-Coming, for the object desired by the local church.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The situation of our work in Foreign Lands goes wide of the mark of what it should be. Considering the deplorable situation it is well nigh heart-breaking.

The appropriations of our Board for 1929, are the lowest that have been made in ten years. Just barely enough to care for current expenses with no provisions for the upkeep of our property or maintaining the personnell of our mission force. In the past four years we have lost eighty two missionaries by resignation and nine by death while only twelve new missionaries have been added to our depleted force. At present we have more missionaries on the furlough because of broken health and other causes than we have ever had.

What are we going to do about this situation? If we do not re-enforce our dreadfully overstrained missionary ranks, we shall meet with great disaster in some of our most promising fields. It is not a lack of workers. God has given us volunteers well trained, well qualified. God calls young men and women, but we cannot send them.

Is it fair? Is it fair that here in the Three Fork Association with its many churches and its inspiring ministry and laity, knowing this situation, when the session of the Association shall have ended, return to our homes in our motor cars and sit down to a feast of plenty when in lands beyond the sea, our representatives are compelled to deny themselves of the very necessities of life in order to prevent the utter collapse of the work of a life-time. It is not fair and it shall not continue.

If there is not enough vision or generosity among us to provide for them, as well as for ourselves, then the very least we can do is to share with them the resultant handicap.

In the long ago, St. Paul wrote. "There is no room for Jew or Greek, there is no room for male or female. We are all one in Christ Jesus." Has not the time now come for some one to write. "There is no room for America or Europe, there is no room for Occident or Orient, there is no room for Home Missions or Foreign Missions." From the standpoint of Christ, the world is one.

Therefore in this conviction how could we even dare to do other

than to urge our people to give liberally to a great Kingdom Enterprise that touches the life of the world which is the embodiment of the Co-operative Program of our Church because our objective has always been missionary.

Furthermore, your Committee recommends, that every church on the Fifth Sunday in Sept, 1929, when Home-Coming Day will be observed by the Churches of the Association, to make a worthy contribution to our Co-operative Program.

R. C. EGGERS,
DR. WILL O. GORDON, Chairman.
Committee,

STATE MISSIONS

Around a hundred years the Baptists of North Carolina have been prosecuting State Mission work.

As we look back at what has been achieved, we can't help but feel a degree of gratitude, for what the Lord has done for us. When we consider our vast numbers, we stand back defiant.

And again when we consider our institutions of learning, our hospital at Winston Salem, the orphanage at Thomasville, our beloved child, we exclaim with holy pride, and say, behold what a mighty host, and a mighty power. But when we stop to consider that the task before the Baptist of North Carolina now, is as vital, as when we began in an organized capacity in 1830, we are seized with alarm.

With such fever heat in commercialism sweeping the state, the influx of foreign elements, with all forms of false religions and ignorance among our own people, as well as others, as to what Baptist believe, and what it means to be a Baptist, brings a serious question, with a far reaching obligation, and besides all that has been accomplished with much of the state covered there remains an alarming situation in North Carolina, to be taken by the Baptist State Missions is the one comprehensive, and fundamental department of all of our work. State Missions is the dynamo that turns on the light and never before in the history of the Baptist of North Carolina has there been a more determined opposition to the truth in so many forms than now, and never has there been a greater need for strong and powerful leaders, men who have the conviction and

the ability to to defend fundamental doctrines, against liberalism and other historical doctrines, which seeks the destruction of the Baptist cause. This is the day of testing.

Respectfully,

L. C. WILSON,

G. W. ROBBINS.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS FOR THE THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION.

For a long time there has been more or less of uncertainty and unrest and even inertia among our Baptist people all along the lines both in our State and in the South.

Perhaps there have been a number of contributing causes for this laxness. For instance Carnes stole a clean million of our hard-earned funds. We have shown an indifference not to our credit. There has been a rather prevalent attitude of self complacency and satisfaction that has let the cause suffer at our hands. State Secretaries have been forced to report a general falling off in contributions all along the line.

In the meantime the harvest fields have grown whiter and the Master's clarion call for workers is all the while more and more insistent and mandatory. Hundreds of pastorless churches, thousands of unenlisted Baptists, ten million negroes in the South, more than two hundred thousand foreigners in the South—five thousand new foreigners have come among us already this year. Most of all these have ideas of government religion, citizenship and every thing else at variance with our own. We must lift these up or they will drag us down.

So much for the situation. What are we to do about it? Just one thing. Jesus gave us the great example. He did not lie down on the job just because Judas was a thief. He did not give up his plan of world redemption just because he was betrayed. Neither can we. We have named his name. We have enlisted in his cause. We have taken up his work. We must carry on till Jesus comes.

JOSEPH A. WILLIAMS

For Committee.

REPORT ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS

In this day of modern thought, with all the evils that accompany, too much care cannot be exercised in the selection of the books and periodicals that we are to read. Especially is this true of our young people, whose minds are open to every suggestion, whether good or evil. Many of the books, magazines and other publications are positively poisonous in their character. Atheism, sex liberties and many other forms of the grossest evil are openly taught and held before our children as high moral ideals.

The child is, by nature, imaginative, and his mind craves knowledge and this craving will be satisfied in some measure, in some way. Reading offers one of the easiest methods of satisfying this craving. To direct the reading of our children should be the constant care of every parent.

No book can take the place of the Bible. Yet some method of making Bible reading in the home attractive should be adopted. Perhaps one of the finest methods to secure this end is daily Bible readings by the entire family as a group, each member of the family participating.

The Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children and Kind Words are periodicals that should have a place in every Baptist home.

Good, wholesome works of fiction should be furnished the children always under the supervision of the parent or some one competent to judge worth-while matter. This should take the place of the cheap trashy literature and books found in too many homes. As the body reflects the character of food administered, so in a larger measure, the mind reflects the character of mental food supplied it.

To direct, in a proper manner, the reading of our children, should occupy much of our time and should be given much prayerful consideration.

Our own reading matter should be of a high type for our own good and also for the reason that we should be able at all times to engage our children in conversation about worth-while things. To do this, we must be informed; to be informed, we must read.

Respectfully submitted,
W. D. FARTHING.

WOMAN'S WORK.

The Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, was organized in Richmond, Va., in 1888, by a little band of women who looked into the future and saw the possibilities that lay in the enlistment of the hosts of devoted women in our churches in a definite missionary service.

They launched a great movement for the glory of God and under His guidance achieved a far greater victory than they dared hope or dream.

In the 40 years of our history we have grown from a little band of women, in 1888 with an annual contribution of a few thousand dollars to thirty thousand, four hundred and fifteen societies, giving more than three million five hundred thousand dollars in 1928.

During 1928 we celebrated the fortieth anniversary of the organization of this Union. We celebrated this anniversary year by putting into it our prayerful best, and making special efforts to increase our service and gifts for the advancement of His cause in the world.

We gave during this year more than three and one half millions of dollars, added to our Union, six thousand and four hundred new organizations, and enlisted in this work thousands of uninterested women.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Association, feel a thrill of joy and inspiration in being able to go beyond the goal set for us in this celebration.

We gave during the year nine hundred and seventy five dollars, increased our members more than ten per cent, and added six new organizations.

During this associational year we have added five Woman's Missionary Societies and five young people's organizations.

We now have ten Woman's Missionary Societies and thirteen young people's organizations in this Association.

There are twenty five churches that have no Woman's Missionary Society. It's the prayer of the Woman's Missionary Society of this Association that the women of these churches be enlisted with us in this work.

Our motto is "Laborers together with God."

Respectfully Submitted,
MRS. LEE SWIFT.

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U. WORK THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION

The B. Y. P. U., is a training agency for the church. A B. Y. P. U. is to a church in training, what the Sunday School is in teaching.

A B. Y. P. U. develops the talents and gets service from the young members of the church in every way that no other agency has.

A church that has a trained membership has an active and progressive membership.

We urge that every church in this association consider the training of her young members.

After reading the above report and a short discussion by S. C. Eggers associational B. Y. P. U. president and Dr. Will O. Gordon, A demonstration program was rendered by four girls as follows:—

Subject the four letters B. Y. P. U.

B—Bible and Baptist was discussed by Miss Lucy Cain.

Y—Youth and Yield was discussed by Miss Ruby Zeigler.

P—Prayer and Perseverance was discussed by Miss Ostine Whistnant.

U—Unity and Usefulness was discussed by Miss Treva Rhodes.

REPORT ON HOSPITALS

Our Hospital in Winston-Salem is six years old. It **has ministered** to more than 10,000 patients of which 2,500 have been **charity patients**. We have received about \$15,000 from the Mother's Day Program, **and** we will get about \$10,000 from the Duke Foundation. In order **to** carry on this good work we must have \$25,000 from some other source.

The Nurse's Home has been built and paid for. The good women and the Duke Foundation paid for most of this. No church gave a cent.

The Committee urges that we lay this matter before our people and urge them to observe Mother's Day. We recommend that the Association apoint a representative to promote the interest of the Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. GREENE

MRS. SMITH HAGAMAN

Committee

TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is one of the age old problems of civilization. The movement for prohibition began, along with the agitation for other features of social reform and grew step by step until in 1921 national prohibition became a part of the supreme law of the land by the passage of the eighteenth amendment to the Federal Constitution. Despite vigorous criticism from the enemies of the amendment, and despite persistent and sustained efforts for its repeal, prohibition is a success. Measured by any fair criterion, conditions in the U. S., are immeasurably better than they were before prohibition was adopted.

But the fight has only begun. The battle has not ended and a long, hard road stretches out before us. The laws prohibiting the manufacture, importation, and sale of intoxicating liquors, seem to be adequate if they can be properly enforced. The real problem before our people is the enforcement of such laws as we now have—our government will pass and enforce any law the people demand. We have demanded the enactment but not the enforcement of the prohibition law, so only half our aims have been achieved. Public sentiment must be aroused for the enforcement of our laws. It is the sacred duty of every Christian man and woman to stand four-square for the vigorous enforcement of our prohibition laws, and to strive in every way possible to create a strong wholesome sentiment that will demand that both the letter and the spirit of the law shall be fully complied with in every case.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. EGGERS,

GEO. R. SHERRILL.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

It is not so much a question of education at this time as it is a question of the kind of education that your child is to receive.

We are just now tremendously concerned with the question as to whether we can build up a highly developed industrial civilization and at the same time make sure that the things of mind and spirit and not stark materialism shall control in the new day of progress and prosperity to which we are hastening.

Baptists have ever recognized that Christianity is not a mere product of training and culture, but the result of the work of Divine

Grace, but at the same time we recognize the increased power of the trained mind in Kingdom service.

It has never been safe to turn over all education to the State. The State cannot enter the realm of religion. Only the church school can teach religion.

This being true there will always be a large place for Christian schools. Christianity and education must go hand in hand for the safety and highest good of both.

More than one hundred thousand boys and girls are away from Baptist homes attending some sort of school, and only about thirty-five thousand are in Baptist schools, hence the importance of the Baptist student work that is now being done in state schools with the sixty-five thousand.

Baptists of the south have 28,474 students in the different Baptist schools. These schools have an endowment of more than \$60,000,000.

It behooves every baptist to look well to the school and the kind of teachers to which he entrusts the education of his child.

The obligation of Baptist to educate in Baptist schools carries with it an equal obligation to build and support such educational institutions by money and patronage.

Respectfully submitted,

SMITH HAGAMAN
S. F. HORTON

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

There is no calling, which so completely disqualifies a man from engaging in anything of a temporal nature, as the divine calling of God to men to preach his everlasting gospel. Hence, the necessity for them who are the recipients of the blessings of the Gospel to see that those who have faithfully preached it, shall not want for the necessities of this life. The Apostle Paul said, "if we have sworn unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we reap your carnal things?"

He said again; "how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things."

We should esteem it a great privilege to care for the worn out bodies of those who have fed our souls with the bread of Heaven.

E. J. FARTHING,
J. R. ISAACS.

MILLS HOME REPORT

The care and training of children constitute our finest human interest. They are at once our greatest asset or liability.

In an improving civilization this interest has become so pronounced that the public has asserted the right to interfere even with the supposed rights of parents, and demands that children everywhere have a fair chance at life. This found completest expression when the Master set the child in the midst and declared, "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Forty-four years ago J. H. Mills began the work of the institution which now bears his name.

It has been a haven of refuge for a shorter or longer time, for more than three thousand children.

We have now in the home 635 children—135 of these are in the Kennedy Home, our eastern branch.

There are now 273 children with their own mothers, being cared for by our Mother's Aid plan. We are working on the larger idea of saving the home, when it can be done, in order to better save the child.

There is behind every child in our care some element of tragedy and sorrow that appeals to the best within us. The workers in the Home have the direct responsibility of caring for these, but it is a vast cooperative task appealing to every Baptist in North Carolina.

Our people have been liberal, but this continued buisness depression and the strange indifference on the part of many, make a distressing financial situation. We are rolling up a heavy debt. The demands for help grow with the hard times.

Sending the children away is unthinkable. So we urge again the once-a-month collection in every Sunday school, a club of Charity and Children in every school possible, and a great Thanksgiving offering that will wipe out debt. Every association is asked to appoint an orphanage representative.

But every forward looking man and woman in the association is challenged to this blessed task.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The present day Sunday School is a great and powerful organization, and has witnessed a marvelous growth and expansion. It has had a great change in its methods and equipment. The modern Sunday School is a real school and has for its text book the Bible, and sets for itself the accomplishment of a three-fold objective;

1. Reaching the masses. We have made great progress in this field, and last year when there was a decline in Sunday School attendance Southern Baptist made a gain of 155,000. When we make a careful study of our situation we find that about one out of every three church members do not go to Sunday School, and a large host of non-church members that are not enlisted. This presents a mighty challenge to us.

2. Teaching the people. In making our Sunday School a real school it must be graded and lessons adaptable for pupils of all ages. Our Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., has worked out a graded series of Bible studies for pupils of all ages. Then we need trained teachers who have made some preparation, and who know the best methods of teaching and how to present the eternal truths of God to their pupils. The Sunday School Board has prepared a course of studies in teacher's training that is very helpful for our teachers.

3. Evangelism. The big object of the Sunday School is to reach and win the lost to Christ. The Sunday School is the ripest and richest field for the Church to recruit its membership, about 85 per cent of all our baptisms come from the Sunday Schools. Great emphasis should be placed on evangelistic teaching.

Your committee would urge that our churches go forward in a consecrated effort to reach the above objectives, reaching the masses, teaching the Word, winning the lost and utilizing them in heroic service for the King of Kings.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. HAGAMAN

P. A. HICKS

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Pastoral support should be three-fold. In order to give our pastors well-rounded support we must give of our money, our time and of our talents. First, we should give our money. In 1899 we gave 30c per member for our pastors; ten years later in 1909 we gave 51c per member; in 1919 we gave 77c per member; and last year, taking the figures on the 30 churches that reported, we gave \$1.52 per member. This amount is not sufficient financial support. It should be increased. It appears that a very few members in some churches bear the financial burden of the church. This situation must be remedied by enlisting more of the members in the financial work of the church. Possibly when the changed living conditions and prices are considered we are not doing any more for our pastors now than we did in 1899-30 years ago.

Second, Give our time. In the church covenant we pledge ourselves to support the services of the church. We are supporting the pastor indeed when we attend the church services regularly. Then we should use a part of our time in prayer for the pastor and in holding up his hands in his fight for higher morals in the community.

Third, give our talents. Those among the membership who can lead singing, who can lead public prayer, who can speak in public and those who have other special gifts should support their pastor by responding to his every call. Every church member whether endowed with any special gifts or not should give personal work and clean lives in support of their pastor.

Recommendations: Your committee recommends that our churches endeavor to enlist more of their membership in the financial work of the church by the annual every member canvass or some other method, and that the pastor be paid a regular sum per month out of the church treasury.

REPORT ON STATE OF CHURCHES

Our minutes show there have been some gains along some lines of our church work in the last year, but there is room for greater gains in the next year and the outlook shows there will be. There has been a little increase in membership, there has been a little loss in finances on pastors salaries and missions, the orphanage has gain-

ed some and we believe that the spiritual interest has increased, especially with the young people.

E. C. HODGES,
W. C. PAYNE

DUTY OF PASTOR TO CHURCH

Your Committee submits the following:

1st. A pastor should have a right concept of his personal relation to God which will help him to understand his personal relations to man.

Second: Knowing God and knowing men will help him to discern the needs of the people whom he serves in the relation of a minister of the Gospel. Therefore he should become a student of the Word in order that he may interpret, expend and offer the message of life to the conditions as he faces them, thus edifying the believers and inspiring, then with a deep sense of the realness of God and religious activity meaningful, far-reaching and constructive, for where there is no vision the people suffer.

We urge our ministers to be alive unto God, and to keep the people loyal and steadfast in the essentials of the faith of our Father.

W. O. GORDAN,
J. T. MOORE.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee, wish to submit the following report. Be it resolved that we, the Three Forks Association express our sincere thanks to the Shulls Mills Church and Community for the kind way in which they have entertained this body, while in their midst.

2. We recommend that the Association extend a vote of thanks to the moderator and clerk for their efficient service.

3. We extend our best wishes to the visiting brethren and sisters and invite them back to work with us.

Motto: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBY VINES
LEE SWIFT

REPORT OF COLPORTER

Books and Cash reported last year	\$46.70
Books bought this year	39.28
Books sold this year	38.00
Books on Hand	44.80
Cash on Hand	3.00
Total Books and Cash	47.80

Respectfully submitted,
 R. C. EGGERS
 Colporter.

TREASURERS REPORT

Balance in Treas. from last year	\$.85
Received for printing minutes from churches	121.61
Received Special Collection from present session of Asso.	8.67
Received for Orphanage	7.00
Received for Missions	2.50
Received for Ministerial Relief	4.53
Total	\$145.16

Disbursements

Paid to Orphanage	\$ 7.00
Paid Walters Durham	7.03
Paid Economy Printing Co. for printing and mailing minutes	109.42
Clerk of Association for services	20.00
For Postage	1.71
Total	\$145.16

TIME, PLACE, PREACHER

We your committee, submit the following:

1. Time—Tuesday and Wednesday following the fourth Sunday in August 1930.
2. Place—Mt. Lebanon.
3. Preacher—A. J. Greene

ROY DOTSON

Committee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

For Executive Committee: Moderator, Clerk, Smith Hagaman, R. C. Eggers, A. J. Greene, G. P. Hagaman, L. C. Wilson, Roy Dotson, W. J. Farthing.

For Associational Vice President Foreign Mission Board: P. A. Hicks.

For Associational B. Y. P. U. Director: S. C. Eggers.

For Sunday School Director: Roy Dotson.

For Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention: J. A. Williams.

For Delegates to Baptist State Convention: L. C. Wilson, J. F. Moore.

For Corresponding Messengers to Associations. To the Ashe, L. A. Wilson, J. R. Isaacs, T. E. Duncan; To Stoney Fork, P. A. Hicks, W. T. Vandyke; To Caldwell, R. H. Shore, D. P. Coffey, G. W. Robbins; To Watauga, W. O. Gordon, W. Swift, E. J. Farthing; To Mitchell, E. C. Hodges, D. C. Mast; To Avery, J. L. Triplett, A. J. Greene; To Brushy Mountain, J. T. C. Wright, A. J. Edmisten.

For Mills Home Director: I. G. Greer.

For Hospital Director: A. J. Greene.

COMMITTEES — 1930

State Missions	J. A. Williams, D. J. Cottrell
Home Missions	R. C. Eggers, George Greer
Foreign Missions	Mrs. J. L. Qualls, Mrs. D. D. Daugherty
Pastoral Support	W. D. Farthing, G. P. Hagaman
Duties of Pastors to Church	J. R. Isaacs, Q. E. Bungardner
Christian Education	A. J. Greene, Paul Tergman
Sunday School	Roy Dotson, Bert Farthing
Baptist Orphanage	N. F. Sherwood, Mrs. D. F. Horton
Resolutions	G. W. Robins, E. C. Hodges
State of Churches	L. A. Wilson, L. A. Greene
Temperance	E. J. Farthing, Carter Farthing
Woman's Work	Mrs. I. G. Greer, Mrs. D. P. Coffey
Old Minister's Relief	W. J. Farthing, John Ward
B. Y. P. U.	Wade Brown, Ruth Cottrell
Baptist Hospitals	D. C. Mast, Nora Mast
Nomination	J. F. Moore, W. T. Vandyke
Order of Business	W. Y. Perry, I. G. Greer

COMMITTEE

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Three Forks Association.

We, your Finance Committee wish to submit the following report:

Minute Fund	\$ 92.30
Orphanage	18.50
Total	\$110.50

PROFESSOR D. D. DOUGHERTY

In the passing of Brother D. D. Dougherty, the Association has lost one of its most useful laymen. For years he labored in this body. It is fitting to record a few of his excellent traits. His life was one of industry. No citizen in this country has ever labored harder for the good of others. Sincerity of purpose directed him in every activity of his life. His great soul beat with sympathy for humanity. The student and the laborer felt the pulsation of his unselfish love. In all the affairs that claimed his attention he was modest in taking honors. The plaudits of men had slight consideration for him. His home-life was simple. No man within our knowledge had higher ideals of the home. Here his character shone brightest. These traits were a product of his religion. Few men have ever possessed such a simple faith. From early manhood he was a faithful member of the Baptist Church. Places of responsibility came to him and he filled them efficiently. He supported the church with his means, his time, his voice, and his influence. His views of life were so magnanimous that he could see good in Christians with different opinions. One of our best men has gone to his reward.

A. J. GREENE

J. F. MOORE

CLYDE GREEN

Committee.



CHURCHES

Pastors and Address

	Town or Country?	When Constituted?	Pastors and Address										Members Last Year	Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Present Membership	Prayer Meetings?	Reivals Dur. Year.	Lord's Supper Obser.	State Papers
Antioch		1848	W. Swift, Reese, N. C.	.....	1	175	8	1	5	.....	2	1	1	3	.....	182	No	1	.....	1	.....	182	No	.....	1	.....
Bethel		1851	G. W. Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro	.....	4	216	3	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	207	No	.....	.....	.....	5	207	No	.....	.....	.....
Beaver Dam		1874	F. C. Watts, Parlier, N. C.	.....	2	146	3	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	141	No	.....	.....	.....	5	141	No	.....	.....	.....
Bethany		1896	G. W. Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro	.....	2	84	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	88	No	.....	.....	.....	.....	88	No	.....	.....	.....
Brushy Fork		1858	P. A. Hicks, Boone, N. C.	.....	3	120	18	2	1	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	114	No	.....	.....	.....	3	114	No	.....	.....	.....
Blowing Rock		1871	P. A. Hicks, Boone, N. C.	.....	1-3	143	18	2	1	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	149	No	.....	.....	.....	.....	149	No	.....	.....	.....
Boone		1799	W. O. Gordon, Sherwood	.....	All	169	8	20	.....	.....	11	1	4	.....	.....	416	Yes	.....	.....	.....	6	416	Yes	.....	.....	.....
Cove Creek		1799	W. O. Gordon, Sherwood	.....	1-3	169	8	20	.....	.....	11	1	4	.....	.....	177	Yes	.....	.....	.....	2	177	Yes	.....	.....	.....
Cool Spring		1887	E. C. Hodges, Adams	.....	1	91	1	3	.....	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	93	Yes	.....	.....	.....	2	93	Yes	.....	.....	.....
Clark's Creek		1887	A. T. Watson, Hackett	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	No	.....	.....	.....
Elk Knob		1885	W. A. Pennell, Zionville	.....	2	59	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	61	No	.....	.....	.....	.....	61	No	.....	.....	.....
Fall Creek		1889	W. Swift, Reese, N. C.	.....	3	148	4	4	.....	.....	3	2	.....	.....	.....	151	No	.....	.....	.....	.....	151	No	.....	.....	.....
Forest Grove		1889	E. C. Hodges, Adams	.....	1	96	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	99	No	.....	.....	.....	.....	99	No	.....	.....	.....
Gap Creek		1882	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock	.....	3	104	5	.....	.....	.....	7	1	.....	.....	.....	101	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	101	Yes	.....	.....	.....
Howard's Creek		1872	E. C. Hodges, Adams	.....	2	171	4	1	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	174	No	.....	.....	.....	.....	174	No	.....	.....	.....
Laurel Spring		1851	L. B. Murry, State Roads	.....	3	130	13	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	141	No	.....	.....	.....	.....	141	No	.....	.....	.....
Meat Camp		1905	R. C. Eggers, Zionville	.....	1	104	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	Yes	.....	.....	.....
Middle Fork		1905	R. C. Eggers, Zionville	.....	2	144	2	1	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	147	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	147	Yes	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Calvary			F. J. Farthing, Sugar Grove	.....	1	84	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	78	No	.....	.....	.....	.....	78	No	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Giload		1891	E. C. Hodges, Adams	.....	4	159	3	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	159	No	.....	.....	.....	.....	159	No	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Lebanon		1916	W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rock	.....	4	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	No	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	No	.....	.....	.....
Oak Grove		1891	G. W. Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro	.....	4	258	10	5	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	270	No	.....	.....	.....	.....	270	No	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove		1921	E. C. Hodges, Adams	.....	4	85	2	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	83	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	83	Yes	.....	.....	.....
Proffitts Grove		1905	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock	.....	1	78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	No	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	No	.....	.....	.....
Rich Mountain																										
Samson		1873	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shull's Mills		1883	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock	.....	4	90	3	2	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	91	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	91	Yes	.....	.....	.....
South Fork		1833	H. M. Winkler, Todd	.....	2-4	132	3	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	138	No	.....	.....	.....	.....	138	No	.....	.....	.....
Stony Fork		1841	W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rock	.....	2	151	6	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	155	No	.....	.....	.....	.....	155	No	.....	.....	.....
Three Forks		1790	F. C. Watts, Parlier	.....	1	124	3	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	133	No	.....	.....	.....	.....	133	No	.....	.....	.....
Timbered Ridee		1906	L. C. Wilson, Sugar Grove	.....	2	124	3	1	.....	.....	1	6	.....	.....	.....	82	No	.....	.....	.....	.....	82	No	.....	.....	.....
Union		1885	C. W. Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro	.....	4	197	8	4	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	205	No	.....	.....	.....	.....	205	No	.....	.....	.....
Willowdale		1911	W. O. Gordon, Sherwood	.....	2	110	2	4	.....	.....	6	2	.....	.....	.....	104	No	.....	.....	.....	.....	104	No	.....	.....	.....
Zionville		1836	E. C. Eggers, Zionville	.....	3	148	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	153	No	.....	.....	.....	.....	153	No	.....	.....	.....
Zion Hill		1886	L. C. Wilson, Sugar Grove	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	134	No	.....	.....	.....	.....	134	No	.....	.....	.....

TABLE II SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION IN 1929

CHURCHES		Supt. and Address													Officers and Teachers	Beginners, 3-5 Years	Primaries, 6-8	Juniors, 9-12	Young People, 17-24	Adults, 25 and up	Cradle Roll Under 3	Home Department	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance?	Is School Graded?	Is it Standard A-1?	Teachers Holding Dip.	Baptisms from S. S.	Gifts to Local Work.	Gifts to Missions.
		W. J. Farthing, Valle Crusis	7	30	52	19	6	9	7	8					35	16	Yes	No	1	1 \$	7.84	\$ 4.25								
Antioch		D. F. Greene, Leander	7	30	32	19	17	28	46					172	100	Yes	No			68.08	46.23									
Bethel		J. L. Triplett, Matney	8	30	20	8	19	15	30					122	79	No	No	4		13.98	9.07									
Beaver Dam		L. M. Triplett, Vilas	7	3	12				16					57	40	No	No		3	12.00										
Bethany		D. P. Coffey, Blowing Rock	8	12	20	30	12	15	25					105	65	No	No			40.00										
Brushy Fork		J. T. C. Wright, Boone	11	45	40	56	55	190	60	40	50			125	75	Yes	Yes	15		79.40	31.08									
Blowing Rock		W. F. Sherwood, Sherwood	16	45	12	14	35	37	28					538	260	Yes	Yes	12	12	415.79	221.47									
Boone		D. W. Mitchell, Blowing Rock	11	15	12	6			33					145	119	Yes	No	8	8	58.01	105.52									
Cove Creek			5	6										50	35	Yes	No	1			20.00									
Cool Spring																														
Clark's Creek																														
Elk Knob																														
Elk Creek		M. W. Storie, Heaton	6	10	8	10			17	5				56	40					3.00										
Fall Creek		W. R. Johnson, Vilas	7	8	10	6	9	20	15					75	62			3		26.20										
Forest Grove		H. E. Greene, Deep Gap	7	19	15	18	10	34						96	60					9.61										
Gap Creek		T. E. Norris, Boone	6	10	15	20	10							61	33	Yes	No			8.00										
Howard's Creek		W. H. Wagner, Boone, R1	8	28	20	28	22							148	98			4		17.40	4.47									
Laurel Spring		Carl Evers, Zionville	6					16	20					60	40			13		9.74	5.81									
Meat Camp		G. F. Edmister, Blowing Rock	5	15	12		15		20					68	60					18.99										
Middle Fork		R. E. Smith, Banner Elk	8	12	10	15	17		30					92	82			2		43.00										
Mt. Calvary		O. H. Triplett, Beech Creek	6	16				15	25					54	40															
Mt. Gilgoad		S. B. Havea, Vilas	7	20	10	10	15	15						80	60					17.23	57.65									
Mt. Lebanon		Cleve Gross, Adams	4											70						15.00										
Oak Grove		Paul Tugman, Zionville	9	35	30	20	20	35						140	90			5		44.00	30.70									
Pleasant Grove		L. E. Wilson, Zionville	7	21	19	22	13	29						111	54					17.31	22.53									
Profits Grove		E. Beach, Zionville	4	16	15	19								54	40			2			2.00									
Rich Mountain																														
Samsom																														
Shull's Mills		G. W. Robbins, Shulls Mills	6	12		3	14	21						56	30					13.76										
Shull's Mills		John Cox, Todd	7											140	54			3		43.70	50.57									
South Fork		B. F. Cook, Stoney Fork	10	10	20	10	15	10	45	10				130	112	Yes		6		18.00	12.00									
Stony Fork		A. J. Edmister, Boone	8	10	9	13	30	23						85	70			2		40.50	44.89									
Three Forks		E. B. Hagaman, Beech Creek	6	8	6	15	18	30	20					67	38					11.37	59.54									
Timbered Ridge		M. L. Warren, Mabel	8	8	6	15	18	30	20					92	84			6		16.42										
Union																														

CHURCHES

Clerks and addresses

CHURCHES		Clerks and addresses										Own House		When Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number Rooms	No. Assembly Rooms	No. Class Rooms	Value Church House	Value Pastor's Home	Total Value all Prop.	Indebtedness on Prop.	Insurance Carried
Antioch		L. W. Ward, Sugar Grove, N.	Yes 1902	Wood	300	1	7	500																
Bethel		W. R. Vines, Sugar Grove	Yes 1924	Brick	350			8,000																
Beaver Dam		J. H. Ramsdon, Reese	Yes 1924	Wood	300	4		3,500																
Bethany		J. L. Thompson, Matney	Yes	Wood	200	1		500																
Brushy Fork,		M. J. Williams, Lovell	Yes 1929	Wood	600	6		4,000																
Blowing Rock		Mrs. R. L. Greene, Blowing Roc	Yes 1924	Wood	250	2		17,000																
Boone		J. T. C. Wright, Boone	Yes 1915	Brick	350	7		60,000																
Cove Creek		J. S. McBride, Sherwood	Yes 1923	Brick	200	4		15,000																
Cool Spring		D. W. Mitchell, Blowing Rock	Yes 1887	Wood	250	1		1,500																
Clark's Creek		G. W. Byrd, Farmer Elk	Yes	Wood	200			1,500																
Elk Knob		L. L. Storie, Heaton	Yes 1927	Wood	300	1		1,500																
Fall Creek		Ellis Moody, Villas	Yes 1927	Wood	400			1,200																
Forest Grove		Thos. Fairchild, Deep Gap	Yes	Wood	300	1		1,200																
Gap Creek		L. F. Cotterell, Boone	Yes 1900	Wood	300	1		700																
Howard's Creek		W. H. Wagner, Boone, E1	Yes 1873	Wood	500	1		2,000																
Laurel Spring		L. A. Greene, Boone	Yes 1927	Wood	400	1		5,000																
Meat Camp		R. C. Greer, Blowing Rock	Yes 1905	Wood	300	1		2,000																
Middle Fork		Clyde Greene, Balm	Yes 1902	Wood	400	1		1,200																
Mt. Calvary		O. H. Trivett, Beech Creek	Yes	Wood	400	1		2,000																
Mt. Gilead		J. E. Maltbe, Valle Crusis	Yes 1891	Wood	300	1		900																
Mt. Lebanon		Linell Ward, Boone	Yes 1922	Wood	400	1		2,500																
Oak Grove		Nora Mast, Zionville	Yes 1892	Wood	500	1		1,500																
Pleasant Grove		D. L. Greene, Zionville	Yes 1921	Wood	300	1		1,000																
Profits Grove		H. W. McNeil, Zionville	Yes 1905	Wood	400	1		1,000																
Rich Mountain																								
Samson																								
Shull's Mills		J. M. Dav. Shulls Mills	Yes 1888	Wood	350	1		2,500																
South Fork		Will H. McGuire, Brookside	Yes 1900	Wood	300	1		3,000																
Stony Fork		J. S. Wellborn, Deep Gap	Yes 190	Wood	600	1		3,500																
Three Forks		J. C. Brokshire, Boone	Yes 1922	Wood	500	1		3,500																
Timbered Ridge		Wade L. Greene, Peoria	Yes 1912	Wood	300	1		1,000																
Union		Arthur Thomas, Mabel	Yes 1887	Wood	500	1		600																
Willowdale		I. A. Bungarnier, Villas	Yes 1923	Wood	300	7		8,000																
Zionville		J. R. Isaacs, Mabel	Yes 1927	Wood	500	4		5,000																
Zion Hill		Gradon Hagaman, Beech Creek	Yes	Wood	600	3		1,500																

TABLE V. GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION IN 1929

CHURCHES	Gifts to Co-Operative Program	Gifts to All Special Objects.	Sunday School Gifts Co-Operative Pro.	S. S. Gifts to Special Objects.	W. M. U. Gifts to Program.	W. M. U. Gifts to Special Objects	Total All Missions and Program Work.	Grand Total Gifts For all Purposes
Atioch	\$ 12.39	\$ 64.60	\$	\$ 4.25	\$	\$	\$ 81.24	\$ 176.61
Belthel	32.10	137.60		46.23	58.70	16.50	291.13	736.14
Beaver Dam		88.22		9.07			97.29	199.65
Belthany				3.50			3.50	123.00
Brushy Fork		101.24					101.24	1,941.24
Clawing Rock		63.09		31.08	4.50	116.62	220.29	887.19
Conover	129.47	291.28		221.47	471.53	121.82	1235.57	17,786.20
Cove Creek	61.80	43.34		105.52	39.88	33.15	234.19	1,441.55
Coal Spring		70.00		20.00			90.00	141.82
Cook's Creek								20.30
Cook Knob								
Cook Creek								132.30
East Grove	35.90	28.00		73.84			137.74	237.72
East Creek				51.00			51.00	194.66
Eastward's Creek								277.70
East Spring		4.40		4.47			8.87	176.01
East Camp								230.75
East Fork		27.00					27.00	228.50
East Calvary								351.28
East Gilead								59.60
East Lebanon				57.65			57.65	135.70
East Grove								192.00
East Grove	48.60	122.22		30.70			201.52	566.10
East Grove	36.04						36.04	223.19
East Mountain								51.50
East Mountain								
East Mills								122.17
East Fork	66.50			42.99			109.95	488.81
East Fork								172.57
East Fork	4.75	199.00		62.89			266.64	661.04
East Ridge		72.61		79.63		22.67	160.85	339.28
East								244.47
Eastdale				61.15				755.15
Eastville	442.00			27.61			23.03	246.38
East Hill		42.00	9.60	58.23			109.83	239.43

TABLE VI. B. Y. P. U'S OF THREE FORKS ASSO. AUGUST 1929

CHURCHES	Have Gen. Org?	Senior Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions	Seniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Svs. Givers	Daily Bible Readers
Blowing Rock	No	1	1	1	2	30	25	55	5	5	
Boone	Yes	2	1	1	4	90	40	30	160	75	60
Cave Creek	Yes	1	1	1	2	35	21	56	56	...	...

TABLE VII. WOMAN'S WORK OF THREE FORKS ASSO. 1929

Churches	No. W. M. S.	No. Y. W. A's	No. G. A's	No. R. A's	No. Sunbeams	Total Org.	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A. Members	G. A. Members	R. A. Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Enrolled	Total in Mission Study	Gifts--Local Work	Gifts--Missions	Total Gifts
Bethel	1	...	...	1	2	7	22	...	8	...	15	22	...	\$ 6.05	\$ 75.20	\$ 81.25
Blow. Rock	1	...	...	1	1	22	68	20	40	10	15	165	140	...	121.12	121.12
Boone	1	1	2	1	1	6	80	20	40	10	15	165	140	53.31	571.41	624.12
Cave Creek	1	1	1	1	4	17	18	10	8	...	...	53	...	65.00	66.35	131.33
Forest Grove	1	...	...	...	...	12	14	...	...	...	10	24	...	...	12.20	12.20
South Fork	1	...	...	...	2	14	14	...	...	...	10	24	...	...	12.20	12.20
Tim. Ridge	1	...	...	...	...	10	10	...	...	...	10	10	...	...	22.61	22.61

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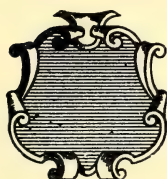
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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

MODERATOR

I. G. Greer Boone, N. C.

CLERK AND TREASURER

W. Y. Perry, ...Sherwood, N. C.

HISTORIAN

A. J. Greene, ...Vilas, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Antioch W. H. Glenn, Sugar Grove, N. C.
Bethel E. J. Farthing, Sugar Grove, N. C.
Bethel L. C. Wilson, Sugar Grove, N. C.
Beaver Dam W. Swift, Reese, N. C.
Bethany J. C. McGuire, Linville, N. C.
Boone P. A. Hicks, Boone, N. C.
Boone Tipton Greene, Boone, N. C.
Cove Creek W. O. Gordon
Cool Spring W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock, N. C.
Elk Knob D. C. Trivett, Meat Camp, N. C.
Forest Grove Roy Dotson, Vilas, N. C.
Howards Creek Edmund Greene, Boone, S. C.
Laurel Spring, ...J. L. Greene, Deep Gap, N. C.
Middle Fork R. H. Shore, Blowing Rock, N. C.
Middle Fork J. W. Bradshaw, Blowing Rock, N. C.
Mt. Lebanon J. R. Shores, Lovill, N. C.
Oak Grove E. C. Hodges, Adams, N. C.
Proffitts Grove L. A. Wilson, Boone, N. C.
Rich Mountain W. A. Pennell, Zionville, N. C.
Stoney Fork T. S. Robbins, Stoney Fork, N. C.
Stoney Fork H. H. Smith, Deep Gap, N. C.
Stoney Fork Melvin Mitchell, Pattons Ridge, N. C.
South Fork J. M. Griggs, Todd, N. C.
Willowdale A. G. Greene, Vilas, N. C.
Willowdale G. W. Trivett, Vilas, N. C.
Zionville R. C. Eggers, Zionville, N. C.

ROLL OF MESSENGERS

- Antioch—W. J. Farthing, Willie D. Harman, J. L. Glenn.
Bethel—Bert Farthing, Carl Farthing, C. J. Farthing.
Beaver Dam—Lee Swift, Clyde Reese.
Bethany—R. D. Edmiston, W. C. Smith, Martin Yates.
Boone—Smith Hagaman, J. F. Moore, Clyde R. Greene.
Blowing Rock—Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Nye.
Brushy Fork—S. F. Moody, Asa Greene, D. S. Love.
Cove Creek—D. F. Horton, S. F. Horton, W. Y. Perry.
Cool Spring—J. W. Pennell.
Elk Knob—D. C. Trivett, Frank Main, General Main.
Fall Creek—W. B. Norris, M. W. Story.
Forest Grove—Charlie Johnson, W. R. Johnson, Ellis Moody.
Gap Creek—A. G. Miller, G. W. Church, Jesse Vannoy.
Howards Creek—N. L. Barnes, D. W. Cooke, J. E. Norris.
Laurel Spring—Arthur Greene, George Greer.
Meat Camp—Vern Greene, N. M. Greene.
Middle Fork—R. S. Cooke, R. C. Greene.
Mt. Calvary—W. H. Shoemaker.
Mt. Gilead—Clyde Bunton, O. H. Trivett, C. S. Trivett.
Mt. Lebanon—S. B. Hays, Edd Walls, F. H. Hollars.
Oak Grove—John Greene, James Hodges, Will Hagaman.
Pleasant Grove—Thiel Greene, Allen Perry.
Proffitts Grove—W. A. Proffitt, L. R. Wilson, J. G. Wilson.
Rich Mountain—J. A. Penly, B. C. Penly, L. E. Beach.
Shulls Mills—J. B. Reed, Paul Day, C. M. Shore, G. W. Robbins.
Stony Fork—D. L. Wellborn, J. S. Wellborn, B. F. Cooke.
South Fork—Will H. McGuire, J. L. Miller, J. S. Brown.
Three Forks—J. A. Edmisten, Walter Carroll.
Timbered Ridge—Fred McGuire, E. B. Hagaman, J. Y. Smitherman.
Willowdale—I. A. Bumgardner, Doughton Greene.
Union—
Zionsville—J. R. Isaacs, Reaves Holman.
Zion Hill—Alvin Cannon, M. A. Ward, Charlie Trivett.

PROCEEDINGS

Vilas, North Carolina
August 26, 1930.

The Ninetieth Annual Session of the Three Forks Association convened with Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Tuesday 26, 1930 at 9:30 A. M.

Devotional services consisted of singing "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood" after which A. J. Greene read Matt. 10:29-42. W. Swift led in prayer. "Amazing Grace," was then sung.

A. J. Greene then announced as his subject: "The value of the Little Things of Life." Text, "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." Outline: 1. Little Things. 2. Small services. 3. The motives. 4. The rewards.

After the sermon Brother Greene led in prayer.

I. G. Greer delivered the Moderator's annual address emphasizing the following points: 1. Information. 2. Right living. 3. Spiritual power.

The Order of Business was read and adopted.

On motion of W. J. Farthing the Association instructed P. A. Hicks to cast the ballot of the body for I. G. Greer as Moderator and W. Y. Perry as Clerk. The ballot was so cast.

The following visitors announced themselves:

Kings Mountain Association and representing the Biblical Recorder, G. G. Page; Mills Home, J. A. Mc Millan, Liberty Association; Caldwell Association, H. H. Crisp; Stoney Fork, Jones Elrod, G. W. Brown; Ashe Association, H. M. Winkler; Brushy Mountain, G. W. Sebastain; McMinn, Tennessee; Brushy Mountain tawba River Association and State Mission Board, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Howard.

The following committees were appointed: Cooperative Program, Smith Hagaman, F. C. Nye, R. C. Eggers, H. M. Winkler, G. W. Robbins.

Hospitality: Pastor and messengers of the Mt. Lebanon Church.

The report on Books and Periodicals was read by P. A. Hicks, who led the discussion which was continued by G. G. Page. Report adopted.

Report on Mills Home was read by Mrs. D. F. Horton. J. A. McMillan discussed the Orphanage. Report adopted.

The Moderator announced the following committees:
Time and Preacher: W. D. Farthing, J. D. Brown, M. J. Williams.
Finance: G. P. Hagaman, W. J. Farthing, J. R. Isaacs.
Obituaries: Roy Dotson, Clyde R. Greene.

The Association adjourned for the noon hour.

Benediction by Uriah Farthing.

First Day, Evening Session

The body assembled while "Jesus Lover of My Soul" was being sung. J. R. Isaac led in prayer. L. A. Wilson read a part of the third chapter of Ephesians. Prayer was offered with H. M. Winkler leading.

The body was now declared ready for business.

R. C. Eggers read the report on Home Missions.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Mrs. J. Lee Qualls.

The report on State Missions not being ready a motion prevailed that F. C. Nye write a report and that it be inserted in the Minute.

The reports were adopted after being discussed by P. A. Hicks and H. M. Winkler. The discussion was continued by Joe Howard, member of State Board of Missions, emphasizing and explaining the Co-operative Pro-

gram, followed by Smith Hagaman, after the congregation sang "Nearer My God to Thee."

The report on Co-operative Program was read by F. C. Nye. Report adopted.

A motion prevailed that the program be so amended that the committee on Ministerial Relief report at this time.

The report was read by W. J. Farthing. Discussed by P. A. Hicks, W. J. Farthing and Smith Hagaman.

On motion Association adjourned until tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

R. C. Eggers to conduct the devotional services.

Benediction by Roy Dotson.

Second Day, Morning Session

The devotional exercises were started by singing "The Sweet Bye and Bye." A scripture lesson was read from the book of Jonah by R. C. Eggers, who then led in prayer. "What a Friend," and "Amazing Grace," were sung.

The Association was now declared ready for business.

The Roll of Messenger was called and absentees erased.

The report on Hospitals was read by the clerk, after being discussed by W. J. Farthing, F. C. Nye, and G. W. Sebastain was adopted.

A. J. Greene read the report on Christian Education and led the discussion, followed by W. J. Farthing, Wade Brown, and J. A. Morgan. Report adopted.

The B. Y. P. U. report was read by Wade Brown and discussed by Clyde Eggers, after which a B. Y. P. U. program was rendered under the leadership of Miss Elizabeth Cowan, Baptist Student Secretary at A. S. T. C., Boone, N. C. Report adopted.

"I'm Going Home to Die No More," was sung by the congregation.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by

A. J. Greene and discussed by the following brethren:

Fellowship Week P. A. Hicks
Meeting of Deacons and
Preachers attending Pastors Conferences, Smith Hagaman.

Pastors not to accept too many churches.

A Better Kind of Music.

Report adopted.

The moderator appointed the following brethren as a committee for the arrangement of Deacon's Meeting: Smith Hagaman, F. C. Nye and Bert Farthing.

A motion prevailed that the Resolution concerning the change of basis of representation be tabled. On motion adjourned for dinner. "The Ninety and Nine," was sung. Benediction by P. A. Hicks.

Second Day, Evening Session

The congregation reassembled while singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

G. W. Sebastain conducted the devotional services by reading 2 Tim. 4:1-8, after which he led in prayer.

The Association was now declared ready for business.

The report on Temperance was read and dicussed by E. J. Farthing. H. M. Winkler continued the discsussion. Report adopted.

Mrs. I. G. Greer read the report on Woman's Work. Mrs. Greer began the discussion of the above report and Professor Carr, of Mars Hill College, continued the discussion. Report adopted

The report on Pastoral Support was read by W. D. Farthing. Smith Hagaman discussed the report, followed by Uriah Farthing. Report adopted.

J. R. Isaacs read and discussed the report on Duties of Pastors to the churches. Report adopted.

Bert Farthing read and discussed the report on Sun-

day School. The question was further discussed by Roy Dotson. Report adopted.

The report on the Reolutions was read by J. Frank Moore. Report adopted.

The report on Nominations was read by A. J. Greene.

Treasurer's report was read and adopted. W. Y. Perry was re-elected treasurer.

W. J. Farthing read the report on Finance, which was adopted.

Roy Dotson read the Obituary of Elder John Norris. Report adopted.

R. C. Eggers, associational colporteur, read his report. Report adopted.

A motion prevailed that the office of colporteur be abolished and that Brother Eggers dispose of the books and turn the money over to the treasurer.

Report on Time, Place and Preacher was adopted after being read by the clerk.

A motion prevailed that the clerk be appointed to supervise the printing and the distribution of the Minutes and that he be allowed the usual sum of \$20 for his services.

On motion and second the Association adjourned to time and place.

L. A. Wilson conducted the closing exercises by reading a short Scripture lesson and leading in prayer.

"The Parting Hand," was sung by the messengers.

Benediction by E. C. Hodges.

W. Y. PERRY, Clerk

I. G. GREER, Moderator

REPORTS

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

During the year the Executive Committee has directed the following activities:

1. A program in many churches on the fifth Sunday in September.
2. A meeting for new converts the fifth Sunday in December.
3. A meeting for the laymen on the fifth Sunday in April.
4. A young people's meeting on the fifth Sunday in June.
5. A program in two churches for the fifth Sunday in August.

The Executive Committee recommends the following:

1. That the churches observe fellowship week from Sept. 21-28.
2. That we recommend a meeting of the Deacons in the Association.
3. That we urge the preachers to attend the Pastor's conferences.
4. That we advise pastors not to accept too many churches.
5. That we urge our churches to use a better kind of music.

G. P. HAGAMAN, Ch'm

A. J. GREENE, Sec'y

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We, your committee, submit the following:

1. Time—Tuesday and Wednesday following the fourth Sunday in August, 1931.
2. Place—Meat Camp.
3. Preacher—Roy Dotson.
4. Alternate—Uriah Farthing.

W. D. FARTHING

M. J. WILLIAMS

J. D. BROWN

Committee

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

It is the duty of every citizen and especially every Christian citizen, to try to bring about the enactment and enforcement of laws that will produce better conditions in society.

The most effective way we have of doing this is to vote for men to make and enforce the law who stand for righteousness in government. But we have a higher duty to perform than this. It is

one thing to restrain our people by fear of the penalty of the law, and another thing to so conduct ourselves before them and so teach them that would be constrained to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and live soberly, righteously, and Godly in this present world.

The only truly temperate person is one who controls his own appetites, passions and habits. Daniel, the greatest example of temperance, purposed in his heart that he would not do anything that would defile his body—the restraining force was within. It behooves us, as professed Christians, to be faithful in warning the people of the fearful consequences of intemperance both in this life and in the life to come. The Apostle Paul said, “Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man sow, that shall he also reap. If we sow to the flesh, of the flesh we shall reap corruption, but if we sow to the Spirit we shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.” Jesus was tempted in all points as we are, and has promised to make a way of escape from every temptation that comes to us.

One of the petitions in the prayer He taught His disciples was to “lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.” If we ever look to Him He will carry us through

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. FARTHING

C. J. FARTHING

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts:

For Minutes	\$ 92.30
For Orphanage	18.50
Total	\$110.80

Disbursements:

Paid to Orphanage	\$ 18.50
Paid to Clerk for services	20.00
Paid Economy Printing Company for Minutes	72.00
Postage for mailing Minutes	.30
Total	\$119.80

REPORT OF ORPHANAGE

In Dr. Kessler's annual report of the Mills Home he says the total number of children cared for at the Home is 639; 504 are at Thomasville and 135 at the Kennedy Home, and 269 were cared for by the

mother's aid plan, a plan of work begun by Dr Kessler, and later adopted by other orphanages, and a plan that is seeking to take care of the home life when conditions are favorable

Caring for these children is a task that should appeal to every Baptist in North Carolina and in contributing to this cause we are laying up treasures in Heaven in redeemed lives

Then our support of the institutions that care for these homeless children should be regular and systematic for it is only through united effort and co-operation on our part that their support can be possible

Therefore we recommend the once a month collection in every Sunday School in the Three Forks Association, and Clubs of Charity and Children in each Sunday School, with a Thanksgiving offering that will make possible the payment of the \$35,000 debt that Dr Kessler reported this year.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. SHERWOOD
Mrs. D. F. HORTON

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School is the teaching service of the church. This service is just as much a function and a service of the church as is the preaching service. It is to be directed by the church and guided by the Holy Spirit just as in the service for preaching.

We are grateful to God for the progress made in our Sunday School in the past but we should ever strive to attain a greater degree of efficiency in winning the lost to Christ.

The Sunday School is our greatest agency for bringing the young converts into the church and for giving instruction in the Scriptures, Therefore, we recommend:

1. That every means be used to increase the attendance in our Schools.
2. Seek to make all schools as speedily as possible, standard schools, and to make them as attractive as possible so as to hold the pupils gained.
3. Our Sunday Sschools need better trained teachers. The first and most important qualification of a teacher is that he should know the Lord by an experience of grace. Then he should be a student of the Bible. He should strive to know his pupils. The teachers should be supplied with the very best Bible helps.
4. We recommend that the churches use only those who are members of a Baptist church as teachers.

5. That the officers and teachers of the Sunday Schools meet once a week to discuss their problems, and to study the lesson for the following Sunday

6. Use only Baptist literature in the Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

BERT FARTHING

ROY DOTSON

FINANCE REPORT

We your Finance Committee, wish to make the following report:

Minute Fund from the churches

\$ 82.45

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. FARTHING

J R. ISAACS

DUTIES OF PASTORS TO CHURCHES

The first thing for a pastor to do is to realize that he has been saved by the blood of Christ, and called by the still small voice to go into the world and witness for God.

Second: Realizing that great responsibility he should rely wholly on the Lord for divine aid.

That, on his part, he should study to show himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Third: This truth, with its cutting power, should be prescribed to the rich, the poor, the high, the low alike. Such Gospel preached will advance God's Kingdom, and at least, destroy some of Satan's plans.

Fourth: He should visit every home of the flock with inspiring words of comfort, and by so doing build up a stronger spiritual life in the home—the home life being the strength and power if rightly lived.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. ISAACS

STATE MISSIONS

State Missions represents the hub of the great enterprise. Nearly every church in the state has been aided by the mission Board, either on the pastor's salary or on the erection of the building.

THE WORKERS:

There are now 83 missionary pastors in North Carolina and two

evangelists for the white people. Revs. J. R. Cantrell and S. Hensley and J. H. Moore to the negroes and their labors have been greatly blessed. Rev. J. M. Page is our building evangelist and he has aided in the erection and the remodeling of about 26 churches in the state.

SOME GREAT NEEDS:

1. Need for evangelism. There are more than 1,500,000 people in the state that are not affiliated with any church. Of these affiliated 48 per cent. are Baptist. What an opportunity for Baptist and at the same time what a stupenduous responsibility! Now we must have well trained pastors and evangelists to do this work. It takes money to do this.

2. Enlistment. As you look over the list of churches in the state a great number have not done anything for the Co-operative program. These must be enlisted. Special men and women must be employed. This requires money and strong pastors to meet this need.

3. Industrial centers. North Carolina has become an industrial center and new needs for churches are springing up almost daily. The mission Board must aid them and get them on their feet. Later they will put themselves into the treasury as 20 cents out of every dollar contributed to the Co-operative program goes to State Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. NYE

REPORT ON STATE OF CHURCHES

We find from an examination of the church letters to the Association that 21 of our churches have gained in membership within the last year, 8 have lost, and 3 have neither lost or gained. The gain is more than the loss so our total membership has increased. We are happy to report 226 baptisms during the year. This is almost double the number of baptisms for the previous year. We feel that this is an indication that our churches are awakening to the need of evangelism and also that the increasing in spiritual power is noted. We find further that 24 churches contributed either to the Co-operative program or to the Orphanage during the year which is an increase of three over the previous year. This would indicate that we are making some progress, though very slow, in enlisting our churches in the work beyond their own bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. WILSON

CLYDE R. GREENE

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Baptists believe in education. In the past they have sacrificed to establish and maintain colleges. They pride themselves in their activity. Today on what ground do Christian colleges merit to live and grow? They must stand for these principles:

1. That the whole man—hand, head and heart, must be developed.
2. That character stands above scholarship and traditional dogmatism.
3. That adequate equipment is necessary to do well what they profess to do.
4. That a Bible department does not mean a Christian institution.
5. That Christian colleges are religious communities for young people to live and prepare for life.
6. That Christian sentiment pervade in every class room, on the athletic fields, in social affairs, and in all student activities.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. GREENE

PAUL TUGMAN

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Missions Smith Hagaman, H. M. Winkler, Carter Farthing
 Associational Progress .. W. D. Farthing, F. C. Nye, M. J. Williams
 Religious Training A. J. Greene, W. Y. Perry, I. A. Bumgardner
 Benevolences Dean Swift, R. C. Eggers, W. J. Farthing
 Temperance G. W. Robbins, W. C. Payne
 Woman's Work .. Mrs. Ray Wilson, Mrs. Lee Swift, Mrs. J. L. Qualls
 Resolutions Clyde Greene, Clyde Brown
 Nominations G. P. Hagaman, L. C. Wilson
 Order of Business I. G. Greer, W. Y. Perry
 Religious Literature Wade Brown, A. J. Edmisten
 Executive Committee Moderator, Clerk, Smith Hagaman, R. C. Eggers, A. J. Greene, G. P. Hagaman, L. C. Wilson, Roy Dotson, F. C. Nye.

F. A. HICKS

J. F. MOORE

A. J. GREENE

Committee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENTS

B. Y. P. U. Director S. C. Eggers

Sunday School Director	Roy Dotson
Southern Baptist Convention	W. Y. Perry
State Convention	J. A. Williams, E. C. Hodge, W. C. Payne
To Ashe Association	Ira Duncan, L. A. Wilson
To Stoney Fork	Smith Hagaman, E. C. Hodge
To Caldwell	J. D. Brown, R. H. Shore
To Watauga	E. J. Farthing, Lee Swift
To Mitchell	J. A. Morgan, Ray Wilson
To Avery	Troy Danner, I. A. Bumgarner
To Brushy Mountain	J. T. C. Wright, J. F. Moore
Mills Home Director	I. G. Greer
Hospital Director	Mrs. Smith Hagaman
Laymen Leader	W. D. Farthing
	COMMITTEE

PASTORAL SUPPORT

"They that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel." We have heard many attempts to so interpret this Scripture as to rob it of it's meaning. We have heard this Scripture interpreted to mean that the Gospel should be the meat and drink of the preacher, leaving entirely out of it the material application. In fact, many of us act today in our giving as if we, too, held to this broad interpretation of this sentence. But the great fact remains that the Apostle intended to burn upon our hearts the lesson that "The laborer is worthy of his hire," and that we as members of the body of Christ are called upon to support the preacher who ministers to our spiritual needs.

A hasty glance at the report of the churches of the Three Forks Association reveals the fact that our ministry is not adequately supported by the churches. In fact, a great majority of our preachers and pastors must find a means of livelihood outside their calling. This condition is productive of a two-fold evil. First: Our preachers do not have the necessary time for the preparation of their sermons or for the visitation and personal contact with their members.

Second: A spiritual atrophy on the part of our church members must follow the neglect of Christian giving, for giving is a grace and needs to be emphasized and cultivated just as much as any of the other Christian graces if growth in grace is to follow in the life.

Your committee would recommend that each church adopt a plan of annual every-member canvas, paying its pastor an annual, stipulated salary, payments to be made at regular, stated periods,

either weekly or monthly, depending upon the number of services each month.

Respectfully submitted,
W. D. FARTHING
G. P. HAGAMAN

RESOLUTIONS

Perhaps never in the history of our country have we needed consecrated men and women to rally to the carrying on of our Lord's work, and His great commission left to us to go ye into all the world preaching and teaching in the name of Jesus Christ today.

The cause is suffering for the lack of concerted and intense earnestness and anxiety for the full cooperation of all our people.

Our denomination is made to suffer at the hands of all who are standing back quibbling over the things of small importance compared with the salvation of the lost in the world.

Our opportunity is our responsibility. Every one to his post. The little things count, provided we do our best. Half-hearted, indifferent efforts are not sufficient. God will hold us responsible for the sin of omission, as well as commission.

Therefore, Be it Resolved: That the attendants at this Association return to their respective churches with new and renewed interest in the cause of the Master, and to pledge ourselves to do all we can for this work. Also pledge ourselves to the full co-operation with the organized work of our denomination, putting first ourselves into the work wholeheartedly, and giving of our material means liberally to the support of all our objectives.

Let us keep in our minds and hearts at all times the one outstanding and ultimate end—the salvation of the lost, and carrying the gospel to the uttermost parts of the world.

Resolved, further: That this Association give its vote of thanks to Mt. Lebanon church for the fine hospitality shown the Association at this session.

Resolved, third: That this Association extend sincere thanks to the Associational officers for their efficient services for the past year.

G. W. ROBBINS
J. F. MOORE

B. Y. P. U. WORK

Realizing that a greater number of our churches need a greater number of more sincere and better Christian workers, we feel sure

that every church should provide some method of training its members, and that this method should be based upon principles laid down in the New Testament. The B. Y. P. U. is an organization established to fulfill this need and meet the requirements laid down by our Master. The B. Y. P. U. is not a perfect organization but it should be made a part of every Baptist church's program in this Association. The B. Y. P. U. is a valuable asset to any church as a group, and a most needed and welcome aid to an individual, if it is properly carried out. It is our firm conviction that it should receive the most loyal support and hearty cooperation of every faithful and conscientious Baptist of this Association.

The Associational organization held its annual meeting at Boone on the fifth Sunday in June of this year, under the direction of Mr. S. C. Eggers. We are glad to note the splendid progress being made by this good organization.

CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM THREE FORKS

We, the committee on the Co-operative program render the following amounts for the respective churches for the coming year.

Antioch	\$ 25.00	Mt. Calvary	10.00
Beaver Dam	50.00	Mt. Gilead	5.00
Bethany	5.00	Mt. Lebanon	5.00
Bethel	150.00	Oak Grove	10.00
Blowing Rock	60.00	Pleasant Grove	75.00
Boone	800.00	Proffitts Grove	20.00
Brushy Fork	25.00	Rich Mountain	5.00
Clarks Creek	5.00	Sampson	5.00
Cove Creek	175.00	Shulls Mills	20.00
Cool Spring	10.00	South Fork	50.00
Elk Knob	5.00	Stoney Fork	10.00
Fall Creek	5.00	Three Forks	25.00
Forest Grove	25.00	Timbered Ridge	25.00
Gap Creek	5.00	Union	10.00
Howards Creek	10.00	Willowdale	10.00
Laurel Springs	25.00	Zion Hill	20.00
Meat Camp	25.00	Zionville	15.00
Middle Fork	25.00	Total	\$1750.00

SMITH HAGAMAN

G. W. ROBBINS

H. M. WINKLER

R. C. EGGERS

F. C. NYE

AGED MINISTER'S RELIEF

Twelve years ago the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was organized for the purpose of caring for disabled, aged and infirm Baptist preachers, their widows and orphans.

The Relief and Annuity Board receives three and one-half cents out of every dollar contributed to the Co-operative program. This produced, last year, the sum of \$113,576. Of this amount North Carolina Baptists gave about \$14,000. The Board paid out during the year for the relief feature of its work, the sum of \$126,193.44, aiding 670 preachers, 617 widows, and 150 children of preachers. It will thus be seen that the Board was compelled to draw upon its reserve funds and income from endowments to the extent of \$13,000 to supplement the gifts from the churches.

The Board also has the Annuity feature, whereby preachers may pay so much each year in the form of annuity insurance and when old age or disability comes, they may receive an annuity of \$500 per year and widows of preachers may receive \$300 per year.

We believe that the Relief and Annuity Board offers the best means of caring for our disabled, aged and infirm preachers, their widows and orphans, and should have the loyal support of our churches. We also believe that our preachers would do well to avail themselves of the benefits of the annuity feature of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. FARTHINE

JOHN WOOD

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

We have come to the time in the growth of our denominational life which demands that if we keep pace with the progress all about us, that the people must read and keep informed in the religious topics, and progress of our age. The publication and distribution of religious literature of the highest and best type has been found one of the most effective means of evangelizing and training our people in religious thought and in winning the lost to Christ.

The "Biblical Recorder" was founded by Thomas Meredith in 1833 and has served as an organ of the Baptist State Convention these 97 years. It stands for the evangelization of our State; the enlightenment of our people in the way of righteousness; for their edification in scriptural knowledge; and for their enlistment in all forms of Christian service. Therefore, for the Christian culture

of our people, and for their development in every department of our denominational work we commend the Biblical Recorder.

The "Charity and Children" is an expression of the life and activities of the Mills Home. It is very informing and inspiring paper and should find a warm place in every home in our Association.

"The Home and Foreign Fields," published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, comes to us each month freighted with great articles upon most important subjects and also with information from the mission fields around the whole world. This paper should find a cordial entrance into the homes of our people.

Our Sunday School Board, at Nashville, is publishing some of the finest religious literature in the whole world on the interpretation of the Sunday School lessons and the literature for our young people is unsurpassed. We would commend these periodicals to you and urge you to give them your most serious consideration and support.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. HICKS

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

For some time there has been quite a bit of unrest and uncertainty in the minds of our people about our Home Mission work. Many folks do not know what it means and seem to care little or nothing about informing themselves. We think this state of unrest has come about largely because every minister and deacon and layman has not taken the work more seriously. We are much embarrassed when we are brought face to face with our failure, for indeed, it seems that we have failed to seriously consider the Home Mission work. Many, no doubt, have thought that this work would go on and in some way prosper, but unless we cooperate more fully this year than we have in the past, it looks like the work is bound to suffer.

There is much work to be done and we have hundreds of pastorless churches and many mission points where the Gospel should be preached. Let's take the work more seriously. The Master's call is great and the fields are white already unto the harvest.

How are we to solve this great problem? Do as the Disciples did in the first persecution—pray through, then we can do what we can to answer the prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. EGGERS

REPORT OF COLPORTER

Books and cash reported last year	\$ 46.70
Books bought this year	21.00
Books sold this year	18.00
Books on hand	40.80
Cash on hand	1.00
Total books and cash	41.80

R. C. EGGERS

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

This year, 1930, marks the one hundreth anniversary of the organization of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

Dr. J. Clyde Turner stated before this Convention last March that the small group which led in its formation was composed of men who refused to be confined in their kingdom service to any community or state lines; that it was their zeal for the evangelization of the world that led them to the organization of the convention.

God has surely set His approval on the Foreign Mission efforts of this Convention. We feel sure that the work has grown and prospered beyond the most sanguine expectation of those by whom it was launched in 1830.

During the first fifteen years after organization of the Convention, North Carolina Baptists contributed \$6,518 to Foreign Missions. Since then we have given to this work \$2,609,563. More than half of this has been given during the last ten years.

During the one hundred years of our history, eighty missionaries have gone out from North Carolina to serve Christ in foreign lands. Forty of them are now on the fields.

Southern Baptists now have 444 missionaries on the foreign fields.

Thirteen thousand, two hundred and fifty souls were converted and baptized into our churches on these fields last year.

We thank God that we have a part in this glorious work.

But there are other facts about this work that are not so encouraging: Our gifts to Foreign Missions are decreasing. We are constantly losing some of our missionary forces. Many of them are at home for lack of funds with which to send them back, and many of them are now on the fields, through strain of extra work and lack of support that are breaking down in health.

The work is suffering and will continue to suffer, as will all other objects of our denomination, unless our pastors regularly and earnestly keep it before their churches.

It is difficult to know from the reports of our own churches just what our present trend is, however, we believe that we have been gaining a little during the past few years.

May we rally to this work and strive to have a worthy part in carrying out our Lord's commission to "make disciples of all the nations."

We, your committee, recommend that every pastor and church in this Association think on, and pray much, about this work, and that each church, in addition to its regular contributions during the year, make a special Christmas offering, some time during December, to this work.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. L. QUALLS

MRS. D. D. DOUGHTERY



REV. JOHN NORRIS

Rev. John Norris, one of our old preachers, while limited in his opportunities for preparation for the great and glorious work of preaching the Gospel, did a vast amount of good, much of which only eternity will disclose

He was ordained to the work of the ministry April 18, 1891, and from that time gave much of his time to visiting and preaching in every section of this county, as well as in many communities in the surrounding counties. This he did with but little remuneration.

His life was suddenly taken in an automobile wreck while returning from a prayer service which he had conducted at his own church—Howards Creek.

A good citizen, a good man, a faithful preacher has passed.

CLYDE R. GREENE

ROY DOTSON



Our Dead

ANTIOCH:

Mrs. R. L. Greer
Mrs. Sara A. Glenn

BETHEL:

Mr. Alexander Hagaman

BEAVER DAM:

Deacon W. J. Hagaman
Mr. W. F. Reese
Mrs. Martitia Sherrill
Mrs. J. R. Wilson

BOONE:

Mrs. Susan Moody
Miss Mattie Curtiss
Mrs. A. W. Beach
Mr. M. F. Maltba

BLOWING ROCK:

Mrs. W. P. Penley
Mrs. Jane Benefield

BRUSHY FORK:

Mr. Lawrence Love
Mrs. Lettie Anderson

COVE CREEK:

Mrs. Alice Lewis

FOREST GROVE:

Mrs. Hugh Hagaman
Mr. Smith Story
Mrs. J. F. Eller

HOWARDS CREEK:

Elder John Norris

LAUREL SPRING:

Mr. Lee Greene

MEAT CAMP:

Mary Greene
Nettie McLea

MIDDLE FORK:

Mrs. M. A. Davenport

MT. GILEAD:

Mrs. Adalade Jones

MT. LEBANON:

Mrs. Wiley Hodges

SHULLS MILLS:

Mrs. Carrie Brewer

STONEY FORK:

Mr. Warren Sanders

UNION:

Mr. Henry Greer
Mrs. Rebecca Greer
Mr. Charlie Greer

WILLOWDALE:

Mrs. G. W. Trivett

ZIONSVILLE:

Mrs. Eliza Greene

ZION HILL:

Mr. Ed Harman

MINUTES of W. M. U.

The seventeenth annual session of the W. M. U. of the Three Fork's Association was held with Bethel Society, July 29, 1930.

The "Woman's Hymn" was sung and the devotional was conducted by Mrs. R. S. Swift. Prayer by Mrs. W. W. Wilson.

Mrs. Clay gave the welcome address and the Bethel Sunbeams a welcome song. Mrs. D. F. Horton responded.

The minutes of the quarterly meeting held with the Oak Grove Society, Feb. 9, 1930, was read and adopted. Included in these minutes is a resolution which has been drawn up by a committee of the adult Ladies' Sunday School Class of Boone Baptist Church, viz. Whereas, our beloved teacher, Prof. D. D. Dougherty has been called to his reward and in view of the fact that he was a great lover and giver of books and that he possessed a deep interest in missions and in our country churches, we your committee, appointed to consider a fitting tribute to his memory, recommend the following:

1. That this Sunday School Class present to the Association at it's next quarterly meeting the nucleus for a library.
2. That the books composing this library center around the work of missions.
3. That the library be used to stimulate the study of missions in this Association.
4. That this library be located in this class room in the Boone Baptist Church.
5. That the books be handled and distributed under the direction of the associational missional study leader and a librarian appointed by the class.
6. That this library be known as the D. D. Dougherty Memorial Library.

Mrs. J. M. MORETZ
Mrs. E. S. COFFEY
Mrs. I. G. GREER

This resolution was unanimously adopted.

Following the reading of these minutes the Librarian, Mrs. W. C. Greer, gave her report.

The report of the Personal Service chairman, Mrs. Smith Hagaman, was then called for. Mrs. Hagaman asked the State W. M. U. Secretary, Mrs. Harris, to discuss personal service. In her discussion, Mrs. Harris said, "We do not count it personal service unless we present the Savoir. Anything you do for the uplift of your community is personal service if it is done in Jesus' name."

Mrs. W. W. Wilson, Stewardship Chairman, gave her report and a splendid talk on stewardship.

The report of the mission study Chairman, Mrs. J. D. Brown, came next.

The Superintendent gave her report using the ten points of excellence as a basis of her report.

This report was followed by the roll call and the reports from the societies.

Boone responded with 12 delegates; Blowing Rock 3; Bethel 7; Cove Creek 6; Beaver Dam 1; Forest Grove 4; Timbered Ridge 5; Oak Grove 7.

The following Committees were then appointed by the Superintendent:

Nominating: Mrs. Will Farthing, Mrs. Enoch Swift, Mrs. Dallas Wilson, Mrs. Ellis Moody.

Recommendations: Mrs. Nye, Mrs. W. W. Wilson.

Time and Place: Mrs. Will Perry, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. McGuire.

Resolutions: Mrs. W. C. Greer, Mrs. D. F. Horton.

Periodicals: Miss Gladys Swift.

At eleven o'clock Mrs. Harris gave an uplifting address on "As You Lift Yourself You Will be Lifted."

Mrs. Nye read an interesting paper on our Centennial Year.

Mrs. Hicks followed with a talk on Fellowship Week.

In a very interesting way Mrs. Rosedna Brown Garvey gave the history of the organization of the W. M. U. of the Three Forks Association.

A motion carried to adjourn for the noon hour.

The afternoon session was opened by a song and a poem, "Be Ye Steadfast," by Rena Mae Farthing. Prayer by Mrs. Harris.

Mrs. Qualls read in memory of the passing of our dear sisters: Mrs. Lou Ellen Penly, Mrs. Jane Benfield, Mrs. Jane Wilson and Mrs. Susan Moody: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, thus saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

Mrs. Roy Dotson read a splendid paper on the Margaret Fund.

Mrs. Dallas Wilson gave an interesting talk on the "W. M. U. Training School."

Mrs. D. P. Coffey explained to us, "Where Our Dollars Go," when we give to the Co-operative Program.

Mrs. J. J. Coffey, Young People's Leader, gave her report and called the roll of Young People's Organizations:

Cove Creek Y. W. A., 5. Miss Blanche Horton gave the report; Cove Creek R. A. 3, reported by Mrs. Dave Mast. Boone Y. W. A. 8, reported by Mrs. P. A. Hicks. Boone Jr. G. A. 3, reported by Mrs. W. C. Greer. Bethel Sunbeams 9, reported by Mrs. Clay. Forest Grove Y. W. A. 1. Oak Grove Sunbeams reported by Mrs. Ward.

"Jesus Loves Me," was sung by the Bethel Sunbeams.

Just here Mrs. Harris emphasized the importance of training the children in the church.

Boone Y. W. A. favored us with a play, "Subscription Clinic."

Mrs. D. F. Horton gave an interesting and inspiring

talk on "More of Self, Less of Thee, Missions on the decline."

Special music, "Jesus I Come," by Mrs. Clara Farthing and Mrs. Clay.

Mrs. W. W. Wilson read the report on recommendations as follows:

In keeping with our motto, "Be Ye Steadfast," we, your committee, wish to recommend:

1. That each society in Three Forks Association plan to have mission study classes, if possible, before another associational meeting.

2. That our associational librarian use every effort to keep the books of the library in circulation and add new books to the library whenever possible.

3. That we continue to try to organize our young people, especially a Sunbeam Band in every church of the Association.

4. That we not only observe Baptist Fellowship week this fall but continue to practice such a feeling on the part of every member throughout the coming year and years, devoting more time to the study of God's Word, and to sympathetic prayer for the work of the Kingdom, and for each other.

5. That each Stewardship Chairman of the different societies secure and report the number of tithers to the Associational Stewardship chairman and see that stewardship literature is distributed among the members.

This report was adopted.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows:

Superintendent	Mrs. J. L. Qualls
Assistant Superintendent	Mrs. D. P. Coffey
Secretary	Mrs. Hattie Johnson
Ch'm Personal Service	Mrs. Smith Hagaman
Ch'm Mission Study	Mrs. J. D. Brown
Young Peoples Leader	Mrs. J. J. Coffey
Stewardship Chairman	Mrs. W. W. Wilson

Report adopted.

The committee on Time and Place reported as follows:

The next meeting to be held at Cove Creek. Time to be decided

by the Executive Committee. Time and place of the next quarterly meeting to be decided by the Executive Committee.

Report adopted.

The report on Resolutions was given by Mrs. W. C. Greer, and by a rising vote the entire body thanked the Bethel ladies for their hospitable entertainment.

There being no further business, the Union adjourned after prayer led by Mrs. D. F. Horton.

Mrs. J. L. QUALLS, *Superintendent*

Mrs. HATTIE JOHNSON, *Sec'y Pro. Tem.*

THE SUNBEAM WORK

We seldom think of children and young people as financial assets in our churches. Yet notice how well our women, while fostering the Junior Missionary organizations, have taught the principles for which the W. M. U. stands. May we not consider the gifts of our young people a test of such teaching?

Last year in this State the Sunbeams, our tiny tots, gave \$6,666.14 to the Co-operative Program. Our boys gave \$4,146.90. Our girls \$7,717.18. Our young women \$22,524.19, making a total of \$41,416.61. A large part of this amount would have been lost to the cause of the master had it not been for the organized effort of Christian women. We think this giving of money a fair test of interest. Suppose we keep these children in line until they, in turn, take charge of church affairs. Think of what a leadership they would give us.

Your committee urges that the women of the Three Forks Association catch a larger vision of their opportunities, and follow up this vision by informing themselves better, praying more earnestly, and giving more freely to the cause of the Master.

MRS. D. P. COFFEY

MRS. I. G. GREER

SUMMARY TABLE: STATISTICS OF THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION FOR YEAR 1930.

CHURCHES	When Constituted		Location	Pastors and Postoffices	Days of meeting	Baptisms	Total Membership	Revivals Held	Lord's Supper	State Papers	No. Schools	Total Enrolled	No. B. Y. P. U.	B. Y. P. U. Roll	W. M. U. Off.	W. M. U. Gifts
Antioch	1949	O	W. Swift	Reese, N. C.	1	1	180	1	2	4	1	43				
Bethel	1851	O	L. A. Hurst	Englewood, Tenn.	4	36	242	1	2	5	1	197		48	2	45.75
Beaver Dam	1874	O	R. C. Eggers	Zionville, N. C.	2	9	153	1	2	3	1	128			1	28.70
Bethany	1893	O	F. C. Watts	Parlier, N. C.	2		88				1	85				
Boone	1870	T	P. A. Hicks	Boone, N. C.	1-2-3-4	24	396	1	4	45	1	761	3	168	5	614.60
Blowing Rock	1858	O	T. P. A. Hicks	Boone, N. C.	1-3	5	147	2	1	5	1	132	3	43	1	
Brushy Fork	1799	O	T. P. G. W. Sebastian	N. Wilkesboro	1-3	11	129	1	2	2	1	63				
Cove Creek	1887	O	W. C. Payne	Blowing Rock	1-3	1	185	1	2	2	1	152	2	29	5	81.66
Cool Spring			J. R. Trivett	Butler, Tenn.	4		93	1			1	42				
Elk Knob	1885	O	W. A. Pennell	Zionville, N. C.	2		59	2	2		1	56				
Fall Creek	1889	O	W. Swift	Reese, N. C.	3		129	1	1	3	1	57				
Forest Grove			W. D. Ashley	Blowing Rock	1		110	1	1		1	94				
Gap Creek	1882	O	W. D. Payne	Blowing Rock	3	9	108		2		1	70				
Howards Creek	1872	O	E. C. Hodges	Adams, N. C.	2	17	141	1			1	148				
Laurel Spring	1851	O	W. C. Payne	Blowing Rock	2	5	143	1	1		1	81				
Meat Camp	1905	O	E. H. Shore	Blowing Rock	2		97	1	2		1	94				
Middle Fork	1880	O	F. C. Watts	Parlier, N. C.	2	4	149	1	1		1	141				
Mt. Calvary			J. Farthing	Sugar Grove	1	4	81	1	2		1	57				
Mt. Gillead	1891	O	E. C. Wilson	Sugar Grove	1		159	1	1		1	75				
Mt. Lebanon	1916	O	W. D. Ashley	Blowing Rock	4	7	88	1	1		1	106				
Pleasant Grove	1891	O	W. Sebastian	N. Wilkesboro	4	24	291	1	2	2	1	175				
Profitits Grove	1921	O	E. C. Hodges	Adams, N. C.	2	11	85	1	2	2	1	108				
Rich Mountain	1905	O	W. C. Payne	Blowing Rock	1		69				1	40				
Shulls Mills	1888	O	W. D. Ashley	Blowing Rock	2		88	1	2		1	66				
Stoney Fork	1841	O	W. D. Ashley	Blowing Rock	4	8	164	1	1	6	1	130				
South Fork	1833	V	H. M. Winkler	Todd, N. C.	2-4	24	170	1	1		1	156				
Three Fork	1790	O	F. C. Watts	Parlier, N. C.	1		134	1	2	2	1	64	1	20		
Timbered Ridge	1906	O	L. C. Wilson	Sugar Grove	2	2	87	1	2		1	68				
Union	1885	O	E. C. Hodges	Adams, N. C.	3		201	1			1	121				
Willowdale	1911	O	R. C. Eggers	Zionville, N. C.	2		109	1	2		1	65				
Zionville	1836	V	R. C. Wilson	Sugar Grove	3	11	152	1	2	1	1	136				
Zion Hill	1886	O	L. C. Wilson	Sugar Grove	3	10	134	2	2	1	1	47				

CHURCHES

	Pastor's Salary	Total Local Exp.	Gifts to the Program	Grand Total Gifts	Value of Church House-Ground	Value of Pastors' Homes	Total Value of all Church Property
Antioch	\$ 62.47	\$ 129.19	\$ 4.75	\$ 15.40	\$ 2,500	.....	\$ 2,500
Bethel	300.00	480.15	115.52	252.99	8,000	.....	8,000
Beaver Dam	120.44	173.18	.....	93.21	3,500	.....	3,500
Bethany	83.00	194.00	.....	9.80	500	.....	500
Boone	2,000.00	7,576.53	360.00	1,237.08	60,000	5,000	65,000
Blowing Rock	422.30	1,142.30	28.81	151.69	17,000	.....	17,000
Brushy Fork	160.00	380.00	3.60	16.60	4,000	.....	4,000
Cove Creek	600.00	1,035.02	141.79	226.24	17,000	2,000	19,000
Cool Spring	48.86	50.86	.....	25.00	1,500	.....	1,500
Elk Knob	27.00	27.00	.....	.....	500	.....	500
Fall Creek	52.50	63.77	.....	1.27	1,500	.....	1,500
Forest Grove	28.34	43.99	28.78	93.92	1,200	.....	1,200
Gap Creek	76.05	87.00	.....	.....	1,200	.....	1,200
Howards Creek	90.00	126.25	.....	.....	700	.....	700
Laurel Spring	152.52	177.12	.....	116.52	2,000	.....	2,000
Meat Camp	155.00	283.73	.....	84.83	5,000	.....	5,000
Middle Fork	146.50	209.66	.....	142.40	2,500	.....	2,500
Mt. Calvary	210.45	362.31	.....	20.95	1,000	.....	1,000
Mt. Gillead	62.90	112.30	.....	14.10	2,000	.....	2,000
Mt. Lebanon	48.55	79.88	.....	.....	900	.....	900
Oak Grove	84.05	259.05	.....	1.85	2,500	.....	2,500
Pleasant Grove	252.34	418.77	84.75	161.59	1,500	.....	1,500
Profitts Grove	69.73	138.56	.....	105.88	1,000	.....	1,000
Rach Mountain	51.16	58.56	.....	.....	1,000	.....	1,000
Shulls Mills	71.75	109.98	.....	12.92	2,500	.....	2,500
Stoney Fork	137.17	220.08	.....	.....	1,200	.....	1,200
South Fork	314.01	536.30	67.85	175.11	2,000	.....	2,000
Three Fork	202.00	352.34	3.25	91.52	5,000	.....	5,000
Timbered Ridge	72.28	84.33	5.70	58.78	1,000	.....	1,000
Union	.....	17.05	.....	.....	1,000	.....	1,000
Willowdale	80.55	658.00	.....	.....	8,000	.....	8,000
Zionville	154.56	289.93	.....	16.14	5,000	.....	5,000
Zion Hill	113.22	191.50	.....	36.61	1,500	.....	1,500
Totals	6,453.47	15,449.36	844.80	3,164.36	165,700	7,000	172,700

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR THE THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION FOR 1930

CHURCHES	TREASURER	CLERK	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPT
Antioch	J. L. Glenn, Sugar Grove, N. C.	L. W. Ward, Sugar Grove, N. C.	W. J. Farthing, Valle Crucis, N. C.
Bethel	W. W. Wilson, Sugar Grove	W. R. Vines, Sugar Grove	D. F. Greene, Leander
Beaver Dam	Lee Swift, Reese	Mrs. Lucy Greene, Reese	L. Lee Swift, Reese
Bethany	J. Michael Balm	J. L. Triplett, Matney	J. L. Triplett, Matney
Boone	G. P. Haganman, Boone	J. T. C. Wright, Boone	J. T. C. Wright, Boone
Blowing Rock	D. P. Coffey, Blowing Rock	H. E. Coffey, Blowing Rock	D. P. Coffey, Blowing Rock
Brushy Fork	L. M. Trivett, Vilas	M. J. Williams, Lovill	S. F. Moody, Lovill
Cove Creek	D. F. Horton, Vilas	J. S. McBride, Sherwood	F. F. Sherwood, Sherwood
Cool Spring	J. W. Presnell, Blowing Rock	Q. B. Cannon, Blowing Rock	S. Fred Presnell, Blowing Rock
Elk Knob	L. L. Stovv, Heaton	D. C. Trivett, Meat Camp	M. W. Stovv, Heaton
Fall Creek	Ellis Moody, Vilas	L. L. Stovv, Heaton	W. R. Johnson, Vilas
Forest Grove	Thomas Fairchild, Deep Gap	Thomas Fairchild, Deep Gap	H. E. Miller, Deep Gap
Gap Creek	D. W. Cook, Boone	L. F. Cottrill, Boone	J. E. Norris, Boone
Howards Creek	M. C. Brown, Boone	W. H. Wagner, Boone	W. H. Wagner, Boone
Laurel Spring	L. P. Hodges, Blowing Rock	L. A. Greene, Boone	Carl Byers, Boone
Meat Camp	E. F. Channell, Balm	R. C. Greene, Blowing Rock	Horace Cook, Blowing Rock
Middle Fork	C. S. Trivett, Beech Creek	R. C. Greene, Balm	Ira Hodge, Banner Elk
Mt. Calvary	J. C. Danner, Vilas	C. S. Trivett, Beech Creek	Lewis Buntin, Beech Creek
Mt. Gillead	W. M. Hodges, Boone	J. E. Matiba, Valle Crucis	S. B. Hayes, Vilas
Mt. Lebanon	Nora A. Mast, Zionville	Linell Ward, Boone	B. A. Hodges, Adams
Oak Grove	L. E. Wilson, Zionville	Nora A. Mast, Zionville	Tom Wilson, Zionville
Pleasant Grove	L. E. Beach, Zionville	L. E. Beach, Zionville	L. E. Wilson, Zionville
Proffitts Grove	D. B. Reed, Shulls Mills	J. M. Day, Shulls Mills	W. W. Pennell, Zionville
Rich Mountain	D. L. Wellborn, Stony Fork	J. S. Wellborn, Deep Gap	C. W. Robbins, Shulls Mills
Shulls Mills	W. F. Norris, Todd	Will H. McGuire, Brookside	B. F. Cook, Stony Fork
Stoney Fork	A. J. Edmiston, Boone	J. C. Brookshire, Boone	John Cox, Todd
South Fork	E. B. Haganman, Beech Creek	Wade L. Greene, Peoria	A. J. Edmiston, Boone
Timbered Ridge	Fate Warren, Mabel	J. M. Burkett, Mabel	E. B. Haganman, Beech Creek
Union	D. L. Glenn, Vilas	I. A. Bumgardner, Vilas	A. J. M. Burkett, Mabel
Willowdale	Solomon Grogan, Zionville	J. R. Isaacs, Mabel	A. J. Greene, Vilas
Zionville	Louis Harman, Beech Creek	Gradon Haganman, Beech Creek	Walter Thomas, Zionville
Zion Hill			Gradon Haganman, Beech Creek





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North Carolina

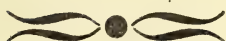


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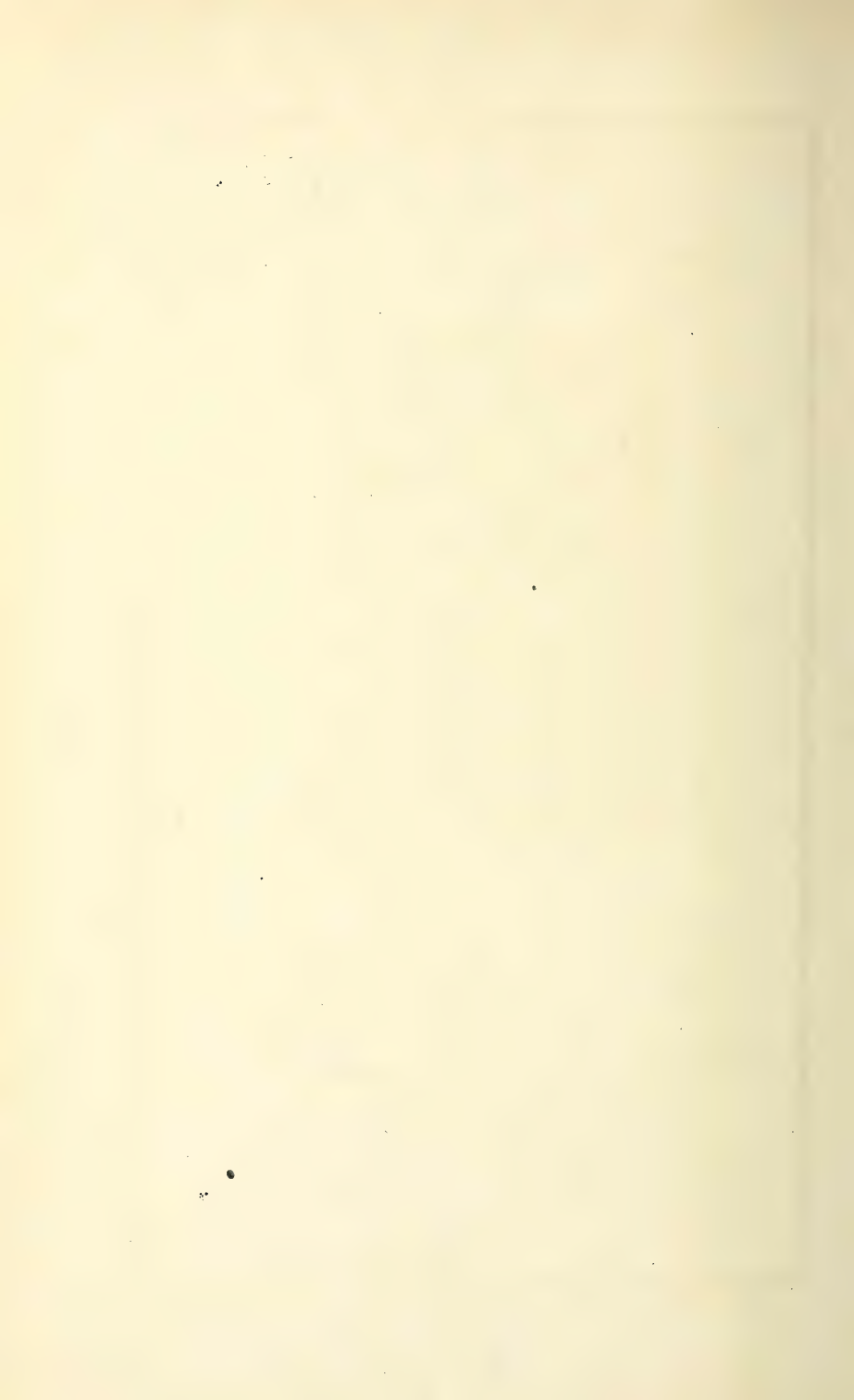
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SHORT SKETCH OF REV. DAVID GREENE



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David Greene, son of Squire and Anne McBride Greene, was born Jan. 26, 1849; joined Meat Camp Church Oct. 21, 1866; married Elizabeth Brown Nov. 11, 1869; ordained Feb. 2, 1878; father of Mrs. Ider Jones and R. M. Greene; served more than half of the churches in this Association as Pastor; died Sept. 9, 1909. Elder Greene was lovable, sympathetic, courageous, pious, faithful, and full of wisdom.

DIRECTORIES

OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION

I. G. Greer, Moderator.....	Boone, N. C.
W. Y. Perry, Clerk and Treasurer.....	Vilas, N. C.
A. J. Greene, Historian.....	Vilas, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

I. G. Greer.....	W. Y. Perry
R. C. Eggers	G. P. Hagaman
Roy Dotson	Fred Cook
W. W. Wilson	A. J. Greene

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION

H. R. Eggers	Clyde Perry
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ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

Associational Superintendent	Roy Dotson
Secretary and Treasurer	Maude Greene
Intermediate Leader	Irene Coffey
Elementary Leader	Lucile Miller
Pianist	Lucile Mast
Song Leader	Carter Farthing

Group 1. MRS. DALLAS WILSON, SUPERINTENDENT

Bethel	Beaver Dam
Forest Grove	Mt. Gilead
Timbered Ridge	Zion Hill
Fall Creek	

Group 2. MAXIE GREENE, SUPERINTENDENT

Antioch	Bethany
Cove Creek	Pleasant Grove
Willowdale	Union
Zionville	Mt. Calvary

Group 3. WADE BROWN, SUPERINTENDENT

Cool Spring	Blowing Rock
Middle Fork	Mt. Lebanon
Shulls Mills	

Group 4. WILSON NORRIS, SUPERINTENDENT

Boone	Brushy Fork
Oak Grove	Rich Mountain
Three Forks	

Group 5. VERNE GREENE, SUPERINTENDENT

Elk Knob	Gap Creek
Howard's Creek	Meat Camp
Proffitt's Grove	Stoney Fork
South Fork	Laurel Springs

ORDAINED MINISTERS

CHURCH

NAME AND POSTOFFICE

ANTIOCH—W. H. Glenn, Sugar Grove, N. C.; G. W. Trivett, Vilas, N. C.

BETHEL—R. M. Farthing, Breda Albert, Canada; E. J. Farthing, Sugar Grove, N. C.; L. C. Wilson, Sugar Grove, N. C.

BEAVER DAM—W. Swift, Reese, N. C.

BETHANY—J. T. McGuire, Matney, N. C.

BOONE—P. A. Hicks, Boone, N. C.; Tipton Greene, Boone, N. C.; Roy Dotson, Boone, N. C.

COVE CREEK—J. A. McKaughan, Sherwood, N. C.

COOL SPRING—W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock, N. C.

ELK KNOB—J. R. Trivett, Meat Camp, N. C.; David Trivett, Meat Camp, N. C.

HOWARDS CREEK—Edmond Greene, Boone, N. C.

LAUREL SPRINGS—J. L. Greene, Deep Gap, N. C.

MIDDLE FORK—R. H. Shores, Blowing Rock, N. C.

MT. LEBANON—J. R. Shores, Vilas, N. C.

OAK GROVE—E. C. Hodges, Boone, N. C.

PROFFITS GROVE—L. A. Wilson, Boone, N. C.

SOUTH FORK—J. M. Griggs, Todd, N. C.

STONY FORK—H. H. Smith, Stony Fork, N. C.; Melvin Michael, Stony Fork, N. C.; T. S. Robbins, Stony Fork, N. C.

WILLOWDALE—A. J. Greene, Vilas, N. C.

ZIONVILLE—R. C. Eggers, Zionville, N. C.

ROLL OF MESSENGERS

- ANTIOCH—John Ward, J. L. Glenn, Willie D. Harmon.
- BETHHEL—M. H. Edmisten, C. J. Farthing, Bert Farthing, D. F. Greene.
- EEAVER DAM—Lee Swift, Wilby Greene.
- BETHANY—Howard Edmisten.
- BLOWING ROCK—Mrs. T. H. Coffey, Mrs. J. D. Brown, Wade Brown.
- BOONE—Smith Hagaman, I. G. Greer, J. A. Williams, Clyde R. Greene.
- BRUSHY FORK—Asa Greene, Grady Greene, Gordon Hodges.
- COVE CREEK—D. C. Mast, Dean Swift, Dean McBride.
- COOL SPRING—Robert Andrews, J. W. Pennell, Fred Pennell.
- ELK KNOB—D. C. Trivett, Frank Maine, Sam South.
- FALL CREEK—Dwight Gryder, W. B. Norris, Ralph Hagie.
- FOREST GROVE—G. D. Matheson, W. R. Johnson, W. E. Rcarke.
- GAP CREEK—A. G. Miller, Thomas Fairchild, H. E. Greene.
- HOWARDS CREEK—E. J. Norris, N. L. Barnes, J. E. Norris.
- LAUREL SPRING—W. H. Wagner, Rufus Idol, Bynum Clawson.
- MEAT CAMP—L. A. Greene, Verne Greene, Carl Byers.
- MIDDLE FORK—J. F. Edmiston, Ira Hodges, H. G. Cooke.
- MT. CALVARY—Lee Greer, W. T. Vandyke, F. P. Gwaltney.
- MT. GILLEAD—No letter.
- MT. LEBANON—S. B. Hayes, F. H. Hollars, Ronda Earp.
- OAK GROVE—John W. Greene, Will Hagaman, Gethyne, Greene.
- PLEASANT GROVE—J. H. Mast, N. T. Byers, Paul Tugman.
- PROFFITS GROVE—J. A. Winebarger, A. J. Bryan, Loyd Miller.
- RICH MOUNTAIN—Baxter Culler, H. W. McNeil, J. A. Penley.
- SHULLS MILLS—C. M. Shores, Spencer Day, G. W. Robbins.
- SOUTH FORK—J. J. Greer, W. F. Norris, Jim Phillips.
- SIONY FORK—J. S. Welborne, B. F. Cooke, W. L. Greene.
- THREE FORKS—J. C. Greene, J. T. Barnette, W. H. Hayes.
- TIMBERED RIDGE—Fred McGuire, George Smitherman, E. B. Hagaman.
- UNION—J. F. Oliver, M. L. Warren, G. C. Norris.
- WILLOWDALE—I. A. Bumgarner, A. C. Mast, Fred Blair.
- ZIONSVILLE—J. R. Isaacs, A. N. Brown, Loyd Eller.
- ZION HILL—Marshall Ward, Gradon Hagaman, Alvin Cannon.

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY

Tuesday, August 25, 1931, 9:00 A. M.

The Ninety-first Annual Session of the Three Forks Association convened with the Meat Camp Baptist Church, Boone, R. F. D., N. C., Tuesday, August 25th, 1931, at 9:00 A. M.

Devotional services consisted of singing "There Is a Fountain" and reading of the Ninetieth Psalm, after which P. A. Hicks led in prayer. Roy Dotson, the appointee by last session to preach the annual sermon, announced as his text Heb. 8th Chapter, 8th verse. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

Theme: The Unchanging Christ.

1. Jesus Christ is the unchanging subject of the Gospel.

2. Christ is unchanging in His attitude toward sin.

3. Christ is unchanging in His love for the lost.

4. Christ is unchanging in His plan for the spread of the Gospel.

After the conclusion of the sermon, W. Swift led in prayer, after which "What a Friend" was sung.

I. G. Greer, Moderator, called the Association to order for the transaction of business.

On motion of P. A. Hicks, Dr. C. E. Maddry, of Raleigh, cast the ballot of the Association for I. G. Greer, Moderator, and W. Y. Perry, Clerk.

An invitation was extended to visitors to announce themselves. The following accepted the invitation:

C. E. Maddry, Corresponding Secretary State Convention.

Missionaries to China, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Hamlet.

New River Association, H. L. Coffey.

P. A. Hicks introduced I. L. Yearby, Greenville, S. C., and J. D. Hamrick, Fayetteville, N. C.

The order of Business was read, amended and adopted.

Smith Hagaman read the report on Missions, and, after the subject was ably discussed by Dr. Maddry and P. W. Hamlet, it was adopted.

A. J. Greene, Roy Dotson and Dean Swift were appointed as a committee to suggest nine leaders to be known as Promotion Committee to organize the Association.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees: On Religious Exercises, pastor and messengers of Meat Camp Church; Finance, John W. Ward, George Robbins and J. S. McBride.

On motion, the body adjourned for one hour. Benediction by Marshall Mott.

Evening Session First Day

J. D. Hamrick led in singing "At the Cross" and "How Firm a Foundation." I. L. Yearby led in prayer, after which he read a Scripture lesson from the 2nd chapter of Acts, adding some remarks to the subject, "Cause and Effect."

J. D. Hamrick sang "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" P. W. and Mrs. Hamlet sang in Chinese "Jesus Loves Me."

Wade Brown read and discussed the report on Religious Literature. Report adopted.

The report of Executive Committee was read by A. J. Greene, who led in the discussion. The discussion was continued by Smith Hagaman, Clyde Greene and P. A. Hicks. Report adopted, with item four referred to Executive Committee with power to act.

A. J. Greene read the report on Religious Training. S. C. Eggers spoke concerning the B. Y. P. U. work. Roy Dotson added some remarks about the Sunday School Revival work. Dr. O. E. Sams, Vice-President of Mars Hill College, continued the discussion. Report adopted.

J. M. Page, representing the Biblical Recorder, was recognized and presented the needs for North Carolina Baptists to take the Recorder.

The Moderator appointed the following committees: Time, Place and Preacher, R. C. Eggers, J. A. Williams and Lee Swift.

The committee to recommend a Promotion Committee reported the following as Promotion Committee: I. G. Greer, P. A. Hicks, R. C. Eggers, L. A. Wilson, Mrs. J. L. Qualls, Mrs. Ray Wilson, Wade L. Brown, Lucille Miller and Verne Greene. Report adopted.

A motion prevailed that the Association adjourn until nine o'clock in the morning. "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" was sung.

Benediction by P. W. Hamlet.

Second Day, 9:00 A. M.

J. R. Isaacs led in singing "Nearer My God to Thee." H. M. Winkler read Matt. 28 chapter, beginning with the 16th verse, and led in prayer.

Roll of messengers was called and absentees erased.

The Moderator appointed the following committees: Obituaries, A. J. Greene, L. A. Wilson and A. J. Edmisten. Resolutions, P. A. Hicks, D. C. Mast and Wade Brown.

The following visitors were welcomed by the Moderator: H. M. Winkler, from Ashe Co. Association; J. L. Norris, from New River Association, Florida; C. A. Upchurch, from Raleigh Association, N. C.; M. L. Kesler, from Mills Home, Thomasville, N. C.

Mrs. Lee Swift read the report on Woman's Work. Smith Hagaman led the discussion, followed by I. L. Yearby. Report adopted.

Dean Swift then read the report on Benevolences; M. L. Kesler discussed the same. J. A. McKaughan and W. Swift continued the discussion. Report adopted.

The report on Temperance was called for but the committee not being ready to report a motion was passed that the question be discussed and that the committee be granted the privilege to furnish later a report for

publication. C. A. Upchurch and O. E. Sams discussed the subject. "Only Trust Him" was sung while a collection, amounting to \$20.10, was taken for C. A. Upchurch.

Adjourned for one hour.

Benediction by J. M. Page.

Second Day, Evening Session

Devotional services were conducted by J. L. Norris, who read a Scripture lesson from 3rd chapter of Zephaniah, then led in prayer. J. R. Isaacs led in singing "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Brother Norris spoke for a little while on the subject "The Things Left Undone."

Clyde R. Greene read the report on Resolutions, which was adopted without discussion.

A. J. Greene read the report on Obituaries. Report adopted.

L. C. Wilson read the report on Nominations, which was amended and adopted.

The Treasurer read his report, which was adopted. W. Y. Perry was re-elected Treasurer.

Smith Hagaman presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas it has been announced that Stony Fork Association contemplates dissolving their organization and these churches contemplate asking for membership in this body, therefore, be it resolved that these churches be invited to unite with this body and that they be considered as being received into this Association when that Association, church or churches so indicate that desire by presenting a proper application to the Executive Committee of this Association and that said Executive Committee are hereby empowered to enrol said church or churches and report same at our next session.

P. A. Hicks submitted a report of officers and Sunday School leaders as adopted by Sunday School Revival meeting, which was adopted.

A committee of three was appointed, consisting of Dean Swift, J. T. C. Wright and Miss Maxie Greene, to secure means for the support of an Associational worker.

A resolution on the Johnson Memorial was offered and adopted, after being discussed by J. N. Page. Roy Dotson was appointed as leader of the Association for Johnson Memorial.

The Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing and the distribution of the minutes.

Report of committee on Time, Place and Preacher was read by R. C. Eggers and adopted.

J. S. McBride read the report on Finance, which was adopted.

A motion prevailed that the Clerk be allowed to place in the minutes a picture of Rev. David Greene who was an outstanding preacher of the Meat Camp Church and the cost to be borne by friends of Brother Greene. On motion, adjourned.

The closing exercises were conducted by W. Swift by reading the 23d Psalm and talking on the Goodness of God. Smith Hagaman led in prayer. After the prayer, Brother Swift sang "Time is Swiftly Passing."

Congregation sang "How Firm a Foundation," while the messengers gave each other the parting hand.

Benediction by W. Swift.

I. G. GREER, Moderator.

W. Y. PERRY, Clerk.

REPORTS

MISSIONS

There can be no circle or line drawn on any part of this earth that would mark the boundaries of less important and more fields of missionary endeavor in the thinking of our Christ.

For many years, our Southern Baptists have divided the world into three separate fields for convenience of administration only.

Our missionary program, beginning with the work within the borders of our own State, endeavors to supply the Gospel in every destitute section of our State where it is not preached as we believe in strengthening of weaker churches, providing Christian education and training of our membership for larger and more effective work.

Going beyond the borders of our State, we enter the field designated as Home Missions, embracing work among the negroes of the South, the Indians in their several groups in the Southern States, the foreign population, soldiers and seamen within our borders, the Jews in a small way, deaf mutes, the Island of Cuba, and our Mountain Mission Schools.

And then, out into the uttermost parts of the earth, designated as Foreign Missions. In 14 pagan and Catholic countries of the world, our missionaries are waging the conquest under the conquering Christ.

The past year has been difficult and many hardships have marked its footprints. The world-wide financial depression has played its equal part in the affairs of the church with all other human endeavors.

But, notwithstanding, the results have been, in many ways, most gratifying. Beyond the borders of our own State, our missionaries baptized last year more than 16,000 people. Great revivals swept many of our mission fields.

In this hour of stress of debt, may we not forget that we, with the great apostle Paul, are indebted to the Greeks and to the barbarians, the wise and the unwise.

The thing that most vitally and most deeply concerns Three Forks Association in this hour is our own attitude towards the churches' commission. If we do nothing more at this session of our Association, let's take stock of ourselves. Let each preacher, and especially each pastor, make a searching investigation of himself and his work for the past year. How much have I been interested in what Jesus said about it, or how much have I prayed about it? How

much have I preached about it? How much have I led my churches to do about it? Am I really missionary anyway? What does God think about me as a preacher and leader in His churches?

As laymen, what has been your attitude? Have you responded to the commands of Jesus and the call and leadership of your pastor?

Is Three Forks Association of churches really missionary? Are we gaining or losing grounds? Whose responsibility is it?

If every man in this Association takes this attitude you are taking, what will happen?

What does God think of us?

COMMITTEE.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

Realizing that the literature which we read can go no deeper than the source from whence it originated, we feel it of great importance that the periodicals and the books which we read should be prepared by the best and most able minds available, as well as the most spiritually inspired. We feel that these combined qualities cannot be more completely filled by any group of writers or any form of literature than that carried out by our great system of Baptist magazines, Sunday School literature, and religious books, written by our great leaders, missionaries and preachers.

The great mouthpiece of our State organization is recognized as our Biblical Recorder, which gives the news and views, our churches and our programs of work throughout our State, Southland and the world. We feel and recommend that this paper should be made available to every Baptist family throughout this Association. The Charity and Children, published by the Orphanage at Thomasville, cannot accurately be valued. Every Baptist in our Association able to read or understand should have access to this publication. We recommend that this purpose be brought about through the medium of our Sunday Schools in the individual churches each Sunday morning. By so doing, the individuals grow stronger, the church and the Sunday School are built up, and we are helping a cause which should and does not touch a tender spot in the hearts of every one who has that heart with the love of God in him.

Through our Baptist Book Shop at Raleigh, we are able to secure almost an unlimited variety of religious articles, books, pamphlets and helps of various kinds for church and religious work.

The greatest source of religious literature comes through our Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn. The best preachers, scholars and writers available are constantly busy preparing all

forms of Bible helps, Sunday School literature and helps for every phase from superintendent down to the cradle roll. We heartily endorse the Sunday School literature published by our Board and recommend that it be used in all our Sunday Schools. This department not only helps the Sunday School but it publishes the quarterlies and magazines for use in our young people's departments. The B. Y. P. U.'s can secure help and information through this source to carry on their work more effectively, and become better trained Christians.

We wish to encourage and whole heartily endorse the religious literature published by our Baptist organizations, both in the State and Southland and recommend that it be used in all cases where it may be found necessary or expedient.

Respectfully submitted,

WADE E. BROWN.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your Executive Committee reports the following activities during the year:

1. A successful meeting of the deacons was held at Willowdale immediately after last Association.
2. Your Committee assisted in the emergency campaign.
3. On the Fifth Sunday in March there was a fine meeting at Cove Creek Church.
4. On the Fifth Sunday in May, there was another good meeting with South Fork Church.

Your Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Association have a school for preachers and deacons some time next year.
2. That the churches form pastorage; Smith Hagaman.
3. That the churches follow up the Sunday School Enlargement campaign: Clyde Greene.
4. That we need an Associational Worker. P. A. Hicks.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. GREENE, Secretary

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS TRAINING

Religious Training is one of the vital issues of the day. In its nature it is threefold: it is an effort to quicken and develop the spiritual nature of our people; it is to transmit the spiritual heritage of the fathers; it is to adjust our people to their divine environment. We have three agencies through which much of the work can be

done: The B. Y. P. U., the Sunday Schools, and the Baptist Colleges.

The B. Y. P. U. is doing a fine piece of work among Southern Baptists. Especially does this organization adjust itself to the task of training young Christians in their religious growth. During this year in our Association, this organization has organized two new unions, divided the churches into four groups for more effective work, rendered four programs, and received about five hundred study course awards. Your committee commends the splendid work of Brother S. C. Eggers and his associates.

The Sunday Schools in our Association have never been in better condition. About half of the churches took part in the recent Revival. The results are far better than any one ever dreamed. The awakened interest points to great possibilities for next year. All the churches are urged to keep up the work. Your committee commends heartily the work of Brother Roy Dotson in making this Revival possible.

Our denominational colleges have an important place in our Religious Training. From them come our preachers and leaders. They are in a position to do a work that no State college can do. Today our colleges are in a critical condition. Unless the Baptists rally to their support, they cannot function effectively. A more liberal support will enable them to do their part in our Religious Training.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. GREENE,

W. Y. PERRY

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The slogan of the W. M. U. is found in John 17:23, "That the world may know." This message for the world is "That 'He died for all, and that they should not henceforth live unto themselves but unto Him who died for them and rose again."

The W. M. U. is endeavoring to carry this message through its plan of work. The fundamentals of this plan are:

1. Prayer—individual and united.
2. Study—the Bible and world missions.
3. Personal Service—soul winning, enlistment and other community activities.
4. Stewardship of possessions—tithes and offerings, study and plans.
5. Religious education and training of young people.

There are now more than 30,000 Woman's Missionary organizations in the South. 2,628 of them are in our State, and 28 in our Association.

While the W. M. U. of this Association has lost some of its societies, yet it is gaining ground. Ten new societies were added last year.

Even though there have been handicaps and problems, God has led on, and a number of His children in this Association have labored faithfully for Him. They gave for His cause last year more than one thousand dollars.

May the women of every church in this Association band themselves together and go forward as "Laborers together with God," "That the world may know the unspeakable riches of Jesus Christ our Savoir and Lord."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. W. WILSON

MRS. LEE SWIFT

MRS. J. L. QUALLS

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCES

Perhaps no department of our denominational work has received more attention and care than the Orphanage. The fingers of the little child has an iron grip upon our hearts. Nevertheless, the past year has been fraught with difficulties. The financial depression has laid its withering hand upon our Orphanage institution. Contributions have fallen off and today there is a \$30,000.00 debt to be taken care of.

There are approximately nine hundred children in the institution. They cannot be thrown out. There is a way that will work. We recommend that each Sunday School take a monthly collection and the Thanksgiving offering. If this plan is adhered to our Orphanage work will move forward.

Jesus, in His ministry on earth, almost invariably treated the physical infirmities of people before He treated their spiritual sickness. That was human psychology. Relieve the person of physical pain and he will gladly accept spiritual treatment.

The Baptist hospital is carrying out the work begun by the Master, healing the sick. Christ's answer to John when he wished to know if He was the Christ was, "Go your way and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the dead are raised, to the poor the Gospel is preached.

Jesus based His claim to Divinity upon His ministry to the infirm; can we, who claim to be His followers, fail to support our hospital which is doing so well the same kind of work?

In these trying times of depression, there is a duty which we

must not neglect, caring for our aged ministers. If they need help, under normal conditions, what must be their state now? We earnestly recommend to you that in your benevolent work that you remember the aged ministers, their wives and children.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Realizing that whatever has been accomplished in the Three Forks Association during the last year has been largely due to the efficient work of the Executive Committee, certain individuals, and the Associational officers,

Therefore, be it resolved:

First, That we commend Roy Dotson for his splendid work in the Sunday School Enlargement Campaign and also Brother S. C. Eggers for his efforts in behalf of B. Y. P. U. work.

Second, That we extend our thanks to the Executive Committee for time and thought spent in promoting our Master's cause in our midst.

Third, That we extend our appreciation to the officers of the Association for their faithful services during the past year.

Fourth, That we express to Meat Camp Church and community our sincere thanks for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained this session of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
CLYDE R. GREENE,
CLYDE BROWN,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Missions.....	J. A. McKaughan, W. F. Sherwood
Associational Progress.....	P. A. Hicks, E. B. Hagaman
Religious Training.....	Roy Dotson, Fred Cooke
Benevolences.....	Clyde Greene and Bert Farthing
Temperance.....	Smith Hagaman, Lee Swift
Woman's Work.....	Mrs. I. G. Greer, Mrs J. D. Brown
Resolutions.....	Wade L. Greene, D. L. Greene
Order of Business.....	I. G. Greer, W. Y. Perry
Nominations.....	I. G. Greer, Clyde R. Greene
Religious Literature.....	J. A. Williams, Wade Norris
Executive Committee..	Moderator, Clerk, R. C. Eggers, G. P. Hagaman
	Roy Dotson, Fred Cooke, W. W. Wilson, A. J. Greene
B. Y. P. U. Director.....	S. C. Eggers
Sunday School Director.....	Roy Dotson
State Convention.....	H. R. Eggers, Clyde Perry

Mills Home Director.....I. G. Greer
 Hospital Director.....Mrs. Smith Hagaman
 Laymen Leader.....W. D. Farthing

L. C. WILSON, for Committee.

FINANCE REPORT

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to submit the following report:

Received for Minutes	\$67.95
Received for Orphanage	2.50
Total	<u>\$70.45</u>

Paid over to Treasurer of Association:

For Minutes	\$67.95
For Orphanage, M. L. Kesler.....	2.50
Total	<u>\$70.45</u>

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. WARD,
 GEORGE ROBBINS,
 J. S. McBRIDE,

Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received for printing minutes:

From Association	\$ 82.45
From Woman's Missionary Union	7.00
From Colporteur.....	11.05
Total	<u>\$100.50</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to Economy Printing Company.....	\$ 70.00
Paid to Clerk	20.00
Paid for Postage	1.50
Total	<u>\$ 91.50</u>
Balance in Treasury	\$ 9.00

RESOLUTION ON JOHNSON MEMORIAL

Whereas, the Livingston Johnson Memorial is for the purpose of establishing a permanent Memorial to Livingston Johnson, and at the same time paying \$200,000.00 on the debts of the Baptist State Convention,

Resolved, First that the Three Forks Association undertake as a goal \$1,000.00, the quota asked by the Convention committee.

Second, that the Executive Committee of the Association and the pastors be asked to apportion this among the churches.

Third, that Brother Roy Dotson be appointed to help the churches in raising their quotas.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We, your Committee, submit the following:

(1) Time, Tuesday and Wednesday, following the fourth Sunday in August, 1932.

(2) Place: Bethany.

(3) Preacher: J. A. McKaughan.

(4) Alternate: Edd Hodges.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. EGGERS,

LEE SWIFT.

OBITUARIES

Elder W. A. Pennell

On the morning of August 11, 1931, Elder W. A. Pennell died suddenly at his home on Rich Mountain. For sixty-four years he had lived a good life. Fifteen years he served churches in this, Avery, and Ashe Associations. Brother Pennell was a good citizen, an excellent neighbor, and a devout Christian.

Elder J. W. Bradshaw

Elder T. W. Grubb

The Committee was unable to get data about Elders Bradshaw and Grubb. The former was a member of Middle Fork Church and the latter of South Fork. Their work this Association was mostly local.

A. J. GREENE

L. C. WILSON

A. J. EDMISTEN

Committee

IN MEMORIAM

Deacons:

Cicero Greer
J. E. Parlier
J. L. Tatum

Charles Greer
A. J. Campbell
Mrs. Litha Hunnecutt
Gussell Greer

Mrs. Delsena Hodges

Mrs. Cordia Mayes

Members:

H. A. Miller
Mrs. Mary Younce
Mrs. W. Y. Perry
Alfred Isaacs
Iva Greene
Mrs. Lucinda Harmon
John A. Shook
Mrs. Mary Ayers
Oliver Wootten
Mrs. Naomi Lookabill
Mrs. Victoria Watson
Mrs. Malinda Greene
Johnie Vannoy
W. S. Frantz
Mrs. Ralph Fulkerson
Wyatt Haynes
Mrs. Mary Ann Pearson
Eva Church

Ritmae Danner

L. N. Perkins

Mrs. W. C. Coffey

Mrs. L. M. Farthing

A. W. Beach

Mrs. Mary Beach Day

A. F. Parsons

Richard Norris

Mrs. Joyt Norris

Mrs. Myrtle Norris

W. A. Greene

Peter E. Cable

W. Y. Farthing

Mrs. Lester Younce

Mrs. Addie Farthing

Viana Davis

Mrs. Florence Smitherman

Mrs. Nancy Farthing

MINUTES OF W. M. U.

The Eighteenth Annual Session of the W. M. U. of the Three Forks Association was held with Cove Creek Baptist Church September 5th, 1931.

"Joy to the World" was sung and the watchword, "That the World May Know," was repeated in unison.

The devotional was conducted by Mrs. Lee Swift.

Mrs.. D. F. Horton gave the welcome address and Mrs. J. A. Williams the response.

Mrs.. J. D. Brown, Mission Study Chairman, gave the report in the absence of the Librarian, Mrs. W. C. Greer.

This was followed by the roll call of the W. M. S. Societies. The President giving the reports: Boone 14, Blowing Rock 6, Cove Creek 14, Bethel 8, Beaver Dam 1, Pleasant Grove 1. A good report was read from Mount Calvary W. M. U., one of our new societies.

The Superintendent then gave her report showing a gain of ten societies during the year.

Mrs. Thos. Coffey gave a talk on Home Mission needs.

We had with us Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Hamlet, who have been engaged in mission work in China for the past twenty-two years. Mrs. Hamlet gave an interesting talk on her experiences as a missionary in China.

Rev. P. A. Hicks gave a helpful talk on Stewardship.

The following committees were appointed by the Superintendent: Obituaries, Mrs. A. I. Greene, Mrs. Dean Swift, Mrs. J. S. McBride; Nominating, Mrs. D. F. Horton, Mrs. D. D. Dougherty, Mrs. J. M. Hodges, Mrs. Lee Swift, Mrs. Clyde Perry; Recommendations, Mrs. I. G. Greer, Mrs. J. D. Brown, Mrs. T. P. Adams; Time and Place, Mrs. W. D. Farthing, Mrs. R. S. Swift, Mrs. Carl Farthing; Resolutions, Mrs. J. C. Farthing, Mrs. C. F. Farthing; Periodicals, Miss Annie Dougherty, Miss Elizabeth Cowen.

After prayer by Rev. J. A. McKaughn, the meeting adjourned for the noon hour.

The afternoon session was opened by song and prayer by Rev. P. W. Hamlet.

Mrs. J. R. Morgan, District Superintendent, talked on the theme "That All the World may Know."

Special music: "Oh, It Is Wonderful," by Misses Blanch Horton and Anna Mae Sherwood.

Mrs. Clyde Perry read a paper on the "Margaret Fund."

Miss Elizabeth Cowen gave a talk on the Louisville Training School.

In the absence of Mrs. J. J. Coffey, Young People's Leader, Mrs. Robt. Coffey gave the report.

The following Young People's organizations reported:

Boone and College Y. W. A. by Miss Elizabeth Cowen. Boone Intermediate G. A. by Mrs. Robt. Coffey, Boone Junior G. A. by Miss Ruby Wilson, Boone R. A. by Mr. J. Coffey. Boone Sunbeams by Mrs. Tunnall. Cove Creek G. A. by Miss Ruby Johnson; Pleasant Grove G. A. and Sunbeams by Mrs. T. P. Adams. Blowing Rock Sunbeams by Mrs. J. D. Brown.

Cove Creek G. A. sang "We've a Story to Tell to The Nations."

Song, "Thinking of Jesus," by Miss Mattie Lou Harmon.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Hamlet sang in Chinese, "Jesus Loves Me."

Mrs. Hamlet gave an interesting talk on Chinese customs, illustrating Chinese life in miniature models of clay and wood.

Boone Junior G. A. gave a playlet entitled: "We Know What We Know."

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Our Beloved Dead During 1932 Mrs. W. Y. Perry

REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS

In view of the financial depression that has affected so many of our people and the falling off of our gifts to denominational causes, we would urge first of all:

1. That during the coming year we place an increased emphasis on both prayer in our individual lives and as missionary societies; that we covenant anew to keep the nine o'clock prayer hour, remembering at this time the work in our own land and in our mission fields; that we endeavor to deepen our own prayer life and seek a closer communion with God.

2. That all our organizations observe the stated weeks of prayer: Home Mission week, March 1-7; day of prayer for State Missions, Sept. 7, and the week of prayer for Foreign Missions, Nov. 30 to Dec. 5th.

3. That we endorse the plan of our work as published in the Year Book of the W. M. U. Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, and that all suggested plans be put in practice in our organizations as far as possible.

4. That we declare ourselves in favor of the enforcement of all prohibition laws and that we urge all officers to do their utmost in the enforcement of these laws.

MRS. I. G. GREER

MRS. J. D. COFFEY

MRS. T. P. ADAMS

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Superintendent	Mrs. J. L. Qualls
Assistant Superintendent.....	Mrs. I. G. Greer
Secretary	Mrs. Hattie S. Johnson
Chairman Personal Service	Mrs. Smith Hagaman
Chairman Mission Study.....	Mrs. J. D. Brown
Young People's Leader	Mrs. J. J. Coffey
Stewardship Chairman	Mrs. Enoch Swift

TIME AND PLACE

Committee on Time and Place reported as follows:

Next meeting to be held at Beaver Dams Church. Time to be decided by Executive Committee.

Report on Resolutions was read and adopted.

On motion, the Union adjourned after a prayer by Miss Cowen.

MRS. J. L. QUALLS, Superintendent,

MRS. HATTIE S. JOHNSON, Secretary.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	SUPERINTENDENTS
Antioch	W. Swift Reese, N. C.	W. J. Farthing, Valle Crucis, N. C.
Bethel	J. A. McKaughan, Sherwood, N. C.	D. F. Greene, Leander
Beaverdam	R. C. Eggers, Zionville, N. C.	Lee Swift, Reese
Bethany	F. C. Watts, Parlier, N. C.	J. L. Triplett, Matney
Blowing Rock	P. A. Hicks, Boone, N. C.	Wade Brown, Blowing Rock
Boone	P. A. Hicks, Boone, N. C.	W. D. Farthing, Boone
Brushy Fork	W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rock, N. C.	Asa Greene, Lovell
Cove Creek	J. A. McKaughan, Sherwood, N. C.	Dean Swift, S herwood
Cool Spring	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock, N. C.	Q. B. Cannon, Blowing Rock
Elk Knob	J. R. Trivett, Meat Camp, N. C.	J. M. Brown, Meat Camp
Fall Creek	Roy Dotson, Boone, N. C.	T. B. Gryder, Heaton
Forest Grove	W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rock, N. C.	G. D. Matheson, Villas
Gap Creek	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock, N. C.	A. G. Miller, Deep Gap
Howards Creek	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock, N. C.	N. L. Barnes, Boone
Laurel Spring	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock, N. C.	W. H. Wagner, Deep Gap
Meat Camp	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock, N. C.	Carl Byers, Zionville
Middle Fork	R. H. Shore, Blowing Rock, N. C.	H. G. Cook, Blowing Rock
Mt. Calvary	F. C. Watts Farlier, N. C.	Ira D. Hodges, Banner Elk
Mt. Gillead	E. J. Farthing, Sugar Grove, N. C.	S. B. Hayes, Villas
Mt. Lebanon	W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rock, N. C.	James McGhee, Boone
Oak Grove	F. C. Watts, Parlier, N. C.	Roy Eggers, Zionville
Pleasant Grove	G. W. Sebastain, N. Wikesboro, N. C.	J. A. Winebarger, Meat Camp
Profit's Grove	L. A. Wilson, Boone, R. F. D. N. C.	G. W. Robbins, Shulls Mills
Rich Mountain	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock, N. C.	John Cox, Todd
Shulls Mills	H. M. Winkler, Todd, N. C.	B. F. Cook, Stony Fork
South Fork	W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rock, N. C.	A. J. Edmisten, Boone
Stony Fork	F. C. Watts, Parlier, N. C.	B. B. Hagaman, Beech Creek
Three Forks	Tipton Greene, Boone, N. C.	J. M. Burkett, Mabel
Timbered Ridge	E. C. Hodges, Boone, N. C.	A. J. Greene, Villas
Union	J. A. McKaughan, Sherwood, N. C.	N. J. Thomas, Zionville
Willowdale	R. C. Eggers, Zionville, N. C.	R. M. Ward, Beech Creek
Zionville	Tipton Greene, Boone, N. C.	
Zion Hill		

Report of 1900

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	CLERKS	TREASURERS
Antioch	L. W. Ward, Sugar Grove, N. C.	J. L. Glenn, Sugar Grove, N. C.
Bethel	W. R. Vines, Sugar Grove	W. W. Wilson, Sugar Grove, N. C.
Beaverdam	Mrs. Lucy Wilson, Reese	Lee Swift, Reese, N. C.
Bethany	J. L. Triplett, Matney	J. L. Michael, Balm, N. C.
Blowing Rock	H. C. Coffey, Blowing Rock	J. D. Coffey, Blowing Rock, N. C.
Boone	J. T. C. Wright, Boone	G. P. Hagaman, Boone, N. C.
Brushy Fork	Miss Blanche Andrews, Vilas	L. M. Trivett, Vilas, N. C.
Cove Creek	J. S. McBride, Sherwood	D. F. Horton, Vilas, N. C.
Cool Spring	L. B. Cannon, Blowing Rock	Q. B. Cannon, Blowing Rock, N. C.
Elk Knob	W. C. South, Meat Camp	Sam South, Meat Camp, N. C.
Fall Creek	L. L. Story, Heaton	L. L. Story, Heaton, N. C.
Forest Grove	Ellis Moody, Vilas	Thos. Fairchild, Deep Gap, N. C.
Gap Creek	Thos. Fairchild, Deep Gap	D. W. Cook, Boone, N. C.
Howards Creek	L. F. Cottrell, Boone	W. H. Wagner, Boone, N. C.
Laurel Spring	W. H. Wagner, Boone	M. C. Brown, Boone, N. C.
Meat Camp	L. A. Greene, Boone	L. P. Hodges, Blowing Rock, N. C.
Middle Fork	W. T. Vandye, Blowing Rock	J. M. Shomaker, Balm, N. C.
Mt. Calvary	R. C. Greene, Balm	O. H. Trivett, Beech Creek, N. C.
Mt. Gillead	O. H. Trivett, Beech Creek	I. C. Danner, Vilas, N. C.
Mt. Lebanon	Ponda Earp, Via3	Mrs. Dora Greene, Adams, N. C.
Oak Grove	Lionell Ward, Boone	Roy Eggers, Zionville, N. C.
Pleasant Grove	Roy Eggers, Zionville	L. E. Wilson, Zionville, N. C.
Profit's Grove	L. E. Wilson, Zionville	L. E. Beach, Zionville, N. C.
Rich Mountain	L. E. Beach, Zionville	I. B. Reed, Shulls Mills
Shulls Mills	J. M. Day, Shulls Mills	W. F. Norris, Todd, N. C.
South Fork	Will H. McGuire, Brookside	D. L. Welborne, Stony Fork
Stony Fork	J. S. Welborne, Deep Gap	A. J. Edmonston, Boone, N. C.
Three Forks	J. C. Brookshire, Boone	E. B. Hagaman, Buck Creek, N. C.
Timbered Ridge	W. L. Greene, Peoria	M. L. Warren, Mabel, N. C.
Union	J. M. Burkett, Mabel	I. A. Bumgarner, Vilas, N. C.
W. Howdale	L. A. Bumgarner, Vilas	Dwight Eggers, Zionville, N. C.
Zionville	Lloyd Eller, Zionville	Lewis Harman, Buck Creek, N. C.
Zion Hill	Alvin Cannon, Beech Creek	

CHURCHES

Location	When Constituted	Days of Meeting	Baptism	Present Members	S. S. Enrolled	B. Y. P. U.'s	B. Y. P. U.'s Enrolled	W. M. U.	W. M. U. Enrolled	W. M. U. Gifts
Antioch	1849	1	3	192	57	3	66	1	8	46.30
Bethel	1851	4	2	240	204	3	54	1	12	39.50
Beaverdam	1874	2	..	147	128	2	54	1	15	..
Bethany	1899	..	5	93	64	..	..	1	22	..
Blowing Rock	1870	1-3	2	148	148	2	85	1	22	..
Boone	1870	1-2-3-4	29	431	739	6	190	7	255	..
Brushy Fork	1858	3	4	135	92	1	..	3	52	72.10
Cove Creek	1799	1-3	9	180	119	1	..	..	..	..
Cool Spring	1887	3	1	92	62	..	..	..	..	..
Elk Knob	..	2	11	..	55	..	..	..	..	..
Fall Creek	1885	2	6	56	55	..	..	..	..	..
Forest Grove	1889	1	13	149	120	..	..	3	33	..
Gap Creek	..	2	5	108	110	..	..	..	..	..
Howards Creek	1882	3	..	103	70	..	..	..	..	..
Laurel Spring	1873	4	..	138	163	..	..	..	..	..
Meat Camp	1851	..	..	142	116	..	..	..	..	..
Middle Fork	1905	2	4	95	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mt. Calvary	1880	2	6	156	118	..	..	2	39	..
Mt. Gillead	1891	1	4	87	79	..	..	..	..	..
Mt. Lebanon	1891	1	..	152	90	..	..	..	..	..
Oak Grove	1845	1	18	114	201	..	..	..	..	..
Pleasant Grove	1891	4	10	296	301	..	..	1	8	..
Profit's Grove	1821	1	15	96	90	..	..	..	..	..
Rich Mountain	1905	2	9	74	52	..	..	..	..	..
Shulls Mills	1888	4	..	77	60	..	..	..	..	..
South Fork	1833	2-4	14	182	169	..	35	1	8	4.00
Stony Fork	1814	2	8	171	145	..	..	..	..	..
Three Forks	1790	1	2	162	89	..	..	..	..	..
Timbered Ridge	1806	3	2	82	70	..	..	..	..	..
Union	1885	3	4	203	94	..	..	..	..	..
Willowdale	1911	1	..	96	97	..	..	..	..	..
Zionville	1836	3	..	153	199	..	..	..	..	..
Zion Hill	1886	2	..	122	56	..	..	..	..	..
	1866	..	186	4,685	4,150	14	380	21	452	161.90

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES

	Pastor's Salary	Total for Local Expenses	Co-operative Program	Total Gifts to Beneficences	Grand Total	Value of Church House and Grounds	Value of Pastor's Home	Total Value all Church Property
Antioch	\$ 49.76	\$ 108.43	\$ 20.00	\$ 72.85	\$ 181.28	\$ 2,500.00	.....	\$ 2,500.00
Bethel	300.00	481.89	105.56	718.01	709.90	8,000.00	.....	8,000.00
Beverdam	39.54	212.89	.....	116.35	254.24	3,500.00	.....	3,500.00
Bethany	67.50	212.35	.....	9.95	215.60	800.00	.....	800.00
Blowing Rock	500.00	675.54	.....	104.06	779.60	17,000.00	.....	17,000.00
Boone	2,100.00	6,017.53	366.65	1,474.23	7,491.76	60,000.00	5,000.00	65,000.00
Brushy Fork	140.00	237.57	.....	210.47	448.04	4,000.00	.....	4,000.00
Cove Creek	450.00	665.47	35.55	263.70	729.17	15,000.00	.....	15,000.00
Cool Spring	48.91	50.91	.....	25.00	75.91	1,500.00	.....	1,500.00
Elk Knob	50.00	57.80	.....	1.00	58.00	500.00	.....	500.00
Fall Creek	64.35	70.35	.....	.....	70.35	1,500.00	.....	1,500.00
Forest Grove	35.55	109.56	27.06	164.79	274.35	1,200.00	.....	1,200.00
Gap Creek	47.03	85.93	.....	.....	85.93	1,200.00	.....	1,200.00
Howards Creek	55.40	96.08	.....	.....	160.76	700.00	.....	700.00
Laurel Spring	85.20	178.18	.....	.....	285.13	2,000.00	.....	2,000.00
Meat Camp	150.98	295.43	108.65	108.65	470.74	5,000.00	.....	5,000.00
Middle Fork	139.50	263.77	.....	175.32	432.77	2,000.00	.....	2,000.00
Mt. Calvary	119.30	495.45	.....	169.00	568.46	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00
Mt. Gillead	56.42	108.39	.....	133.00	112.60	2,000.00	.....	2,000.00
Mt. Lebanon	33.00	70.44	.....	3.71	114.68	900.00	.....	900.00
Oak Grove	75.00	131.40	.....	114.68	185.42	2,500.00	.....	2,500.00
Pleasant Grove	211.48	334.40	13.00	98.00	299.40	1,500.00	.....	1,500.00
Proffitt's Grove	68.00	158.58	.....	189.07	523.47	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00
Rich Mountain	63.39	99.54	.....	101.50	260.18	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00
Shulls Mills	75.75	91.81	.....	19.50	115.44	2,500.00	.....	2,500.00
South Fork	300.00	372.50	81.76	88.85	452.66	3,000.00	.....	3,000.00
Stony Fork	108.57	191.84	.....	81.76	275.59	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00
Three Forks	164.31	291.21	.....	65.75	357.95	3,000.00	.....	3,000.00
Timbered Ridge	62.27	88.26	.....	159.74	470.95	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00
Union	103.55	123.16	10.49	84.43	172.69	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00
Willowdale	73.18	355.24	.....	35.00	108.16	800.00	.....	800.00
Zionville	106.20	224.65	.....	60.15	385.39	8,000.00	.....	8,000.00
Zion Hill	64.56	187.81	27.64	71.21	287.51	5,000.00	.....	5,000.00
	6,071.90	13,039.91	796.86	94.31	282.12	1,500.00	.....	1,500.00
				2,507.04	17,350.93	183,000.00	.....	183,000.00

THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION North Carolina



Held With
BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
MATNEY, N. C.
August 30 and 31
1932

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday and Wednesday after the Fourth Sunday in August,
1933, with the South Fork Baptist Church. W. D.
Ashley to preach the sermon. W. C.
Payne, Alternate.

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ASSOCIATION
North Carolina



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BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
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A. J. Greene, Historian.....	Vilas, N. C.

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Bethel.....	L. C. Wilson, Sugar Grove, N. C.	
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Three Forks.....	Raymond Hendiecks, Boone, N. C.
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- ANTIOCH—J. W. Ward, Oscar Ward, Dillard Greene.
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BEAVER DAM—Dean Reese, Lee Swift.
BETHANY—L. J. Michael, B. D. Edmisten, A. T. Watson.
BLOWING ROCK—Wade Brown.
BOONE—I. G. Greer, J. A. Williams, G. P. Hagaman.
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CCOL SPRING—Joe Bolick, A. M. Triplett, Ralph Andrews.
COVE CREEK—J. H. Mast, D. C. Mast.
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FALL CREEK—G. W. Brown, Norval Cooke, Grady Norris.
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Mt. GILLEAD—J. C. Jones, G. M. Lawrence.
MT. LEBANON—I. N. Minton, Vilas Minton, Basil Shores.
OAK GROVE—Joe Hodges.
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PROFITTS GROVE—S. G. Wilson, L. E. Wilson.
RICH MOUNTAIN—J. M. Conley, A. C. Beach, Henry Greene.
SHULLS MILLS—C. M. Shore, G. W. Robbins, J. B. Reed.
SOUTH FORK—W. F. Norris, Will H. McGuire.
STONY FORK—B. F. Cooke, Isaac Smith, Robert Smith.
THREE FORKS—I. T. Barnett, J. C. Brookshire.
TIMBERED RIDGE—E. B. Hagaman, Wade L. Greene, Fred McGuire.
UNION—Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Greene, Lillian Thomas.
WILLOWDALE—I. A. Bumgarner, Rex. Bumgarner, J. H. Brinkley
ZIONVILLE—Loyd Eller, Milton Browne, E. H. Wilson.
ZION HILL—Henry Hagaman, Alvin Cannon.

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1932, 9:00 A. M.

Three Forks Baptist Association met this day with Bethany Baptist Church in its Ninety Second Annual Session.

The choir sang "Never Grow Old."

The Moderator called the Association to order, then introduced Brother J. A. McKaughan who asked that "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" be sung. Brother McKaughan then read several selections of Scriptures. P. A. Hicks led in prayer.

Text: Matthew 8:10-13.

Subject: Great Faith.

- Topics:
1. Christian's Hope built on faith.
 2. Great faith must have life.
 3. Does it pay?
 4. God uses men and women of great faith to bring the lost to him.

Prayer led by J. A. McMillan.

The Committee on program read their report which was amended and adopted.

On motion of J. A. McKaughan Brother I. G. Greer the present Moderator was re-elected.

P. A. Hicks moved that W. Y. Perry the present clerk be re-elected. Motion adopted.

The Moderator delivered his annual address, subject, "Elijah Under the Juniper Tree." How can we get out from under the Juniper tree?

1. Magnify Christianity.
2. Re-emphasize the importance of human life.
3. Let us be sure we are getting our orders from the right source.

The following visitors were recognized: J. A. McMillan, from Mills Home; B. K. Mason, from Winston-Salem,

representing the Biblical Recorder; G. M. Watson, Stony Fork Association.

J. A. Williams read the report and led the discussion on the subject of Religious Literature.

B. K. Mason continued the discussion on the Biblical Recorder. Report adopted.

The Moderator appointed the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher, which consisted of the following: Will H. McGuire, Fred Cooke, and D. C. Mast; Finance, G. W. Robbins, and John W. Ward.

On motion adjourned for one hour.

Benediction by G. W. Watson.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The Devotional Exercises were begun by singing "How Firm a Foundation." Tipton Greene led the opening prayer.

The Association was called to order for the transaction of business by the Moderator.

The report on Benevolences was read by P. A. Hicks. The following brethren discussed the different phases of the subject.

Old Ministers Relief—Fred Cooke.

Hospitals—W. Y. Perry and J. A. McKaughan.

Mills Home—J. A. McMillan.

Report adopted.

The report on Missions was read by J. A. McKaughan.

M. A. Huggins the Executive Secretary of the Baptist State Convention discussed the question. Report adopted.

The following were appointed as a Promotional Committee:

Wade Brown, Will H. McGuire, Carter Farthing, Fred Cooke, Mrs. Nora Mast Wilson, Herman Eggers, Leonard Wilson, G. W. Robbins and Bynum Hendricks.

By motion the pastors and Executive Committee were added to this committee.

Poplar Grove was formally received into the fellowship of this Association.

The Executive Committee were empowered to receive any church which might present itself for membership after the session of the Association.

The Association was dismissed by prayer for the promotion of kingdom interests led by M. A. Huggins.

SECOND DAY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1932, 9:30 A. M.

Religious Services were begun by singing "Sweet By and By." L. A. Wilson read the 46th Psalm and W. Swift led in prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read amended and adopted.

Roll of messengers called, absentees erased.

The report on Denominational Progress was read and discussed by P. A. Hicks. Report adopted.

J. A. McKaughan at this time introduced to the Association Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Dozier, prospective missionaries to Japan.

The report on Religious Training was read by Fred Cooke. This report was discussed by Brother and Sister Dozier especially the Daily Vacation Bible School. Report adopted.

"How Firm a Foundation" was sung by the congregation.

In the absence of a written report on Temperance a motion prevailed that the subject be discussed and the Committee furnish the clerk with a report for the minutes.

The question of Temperance was discussed by P. A. Hicks, J. A. McKaughan and L. A. Wilson.

Adjourned for one hour, benediction by Mrs. Dozier.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" was sung, led by E. B. Dozier.

E. C. Hodges read the 3rd Chapter of Revelation beginning with the 16th verse. Walter Greene led in prayer.

The Association proceeded to business.

Mrs. J. L. Qualls read the report on Woman's Work then led the discussion on the report followed by Mrs. E. B. Dozier. Report adopted.

The clerk read the report of the Executive Committee. The report was discussed by the Clerk, E. C. Hodges, W. Swift and I. G. Greer.

P. A. Hicks read the report of Committee on Nominations. Report adopted.

D. L. Greene read the report on Resolutions. D. L. Greene led the discussion followed by W. Swift, L. A. Wilson and E. C. Hodges. Report adopted.

G. W. Robbins read the report on Finance. Report was adopted.

Treasurer read his report which was adopted. W. Y. Perry was re-elected as treasurer.

A motion prevailed that this Association invite the Stony Fork Association to meet with us in joint session at our next regular session.

Report of Committee on Time, Place and Preacher was read by Fred Cooke. Report adopted.

On motion of J. A. McKaughan the Association recommended I. G. Greer to the trustees of Mills Home as a suitable person for General Manager, the Clerk to draft proper resolution and send to B. W. Spillman, chairman.

A motion prevailed that the Association appoint an advisory committee to confer with Elk Knob Church concerning the question of receiving members on alien baptism. The Moderator appointed L. A. Wilson, E. C. Hodges and Smith Hagaman.

W. Swift conducted the closing exercises by reading a selection from The Psalms and talking about the mercies of God.

After leading the song "Time is Swiftly Passing," he dismissed the Association with prayer.

I. G. GREER, Moderator.

W. Y. PERRY, Clerk.

REPORTS

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee reports the following activities during the year:

- (1) We endorsed and supported the Every Member Canvass.
- (2) We endorsed and supported a special collection for the emergency bonds.
- (3) We authorized a special session of the Association held at Cove Creek Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in June. The object of the meeting was purely inspirational.

We submit to the Association these recommendations:

- (1) That the Association hold a Bible School during the coming year for preachers and Christian workers, and that the details be worked out by the Executive Committee.
- (2) That three fifth Sundays of the associational year be used for inspirational meetings.
- (3) That pictures and short sketches of old ministers and officials be placed in the minute each year with the expense paid by friends.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. GREENE, Secretary.

THE ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT ON THE RELIGIOUS PRESS

In the passing of the years our Association has met and planned and prayed under many varied and trying conditions and circumstances. But perhaps never under more strenuous and perilous times than now. All of us are reading and seeing and thinking today so much of the untried and inexperienced. So many voices call and tempt and urge. So many men and women have lost their way and have struck the rocks. The great World War and the "aftermath" and the "back wash" have all come and wrought their worst and are still with us. So many preachers are without churches and so many churches are without preachers. On the other hand many men and women are earnestly looking for the way out. Many are seriously thinking of the church and the Old Book and religious things. (It is comforting and in the highest and best way assuring to know that our own Biblical Recorder is sound and safe. Its stand on the Fundamental varieties is firm and strong. Our other denominational periodicals—The Home and Foreign Field and the rest each in its special field is rendering fine and efficient service. It behooves Baptist to rally to these in our best way.)

We quote from Daniel Webster his conclusions more than a hundred years ago as an illustration of our needs now. He said, "If religious literature is not widely circulated among the masses in this country, and the people do not become religious, I do not know what is to become of this Nation. And the thought is one to cause solemn reflection on the part of every patriot and Christian. If truth is not diffused, error will be; if God and his word are not known and received, the Devil and his works will gain the ascendancy; if the evangelical volume does not reach every hamlet, the pages of a corrupt and licentious literature will; if the power of the gospel is not felt through the length and breadth of the land, anarchy and misrule, degradation and misery, corruption and darkness, will reign without mitigation or end."

JOSEPH A. WILLIAMS,
WADE NORRIS.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCES

The report of the General Board to the last N. C. Baptist State Convention was divided into six divisions, one division of which was entitled, "Department of Benevolences." Under this department is grouped the work of caring for aged and infirm preachers, the Mills Home and the Hospital. We are therefore dividing this report as above which will enable us to discuss each of these items independent of the other.

"Caring for Our Aged and Infirm Preachers"

In thinking of this subject we should remember that few preachers accumulate very much of this world's goods. Not because the preachers are shiftless or bad financiers as some laymen charge but because most preachers' salaries are inadequate and because few churches will call an old preacher. The period of time during which preachers draw salaries is therefore shorter than in almost any other occupation. It seems that the wisdom that comes with age is regarded in preachers as not necessary. Also we dare not forget that in caring for our worn out preachers we are not by any means bestowing charity; we are simply performing a duty that we owe them.

We have the Relief and Annuity Board which operates on a double plan. The first is called the Relief Plan. Under this plan aged or infirm preachers and their widows are aided by the Board. Funds for this work come from 3½ per cent of all funds given by the churches to the Co-operative Program and from interest on a reserve fund which the Board has invested. The second plan is called the Annuity Plan. Under this plan a preacher or his church contributes a small per cent of his salary annually while the preacher is still active and thereby there is created a sort of pension fund for themselves. It works somewhat on the order of group life insurance. For

information on this plan write Dr. H. F. Vermillion, Waco, Texas.

During these trying times there may be some aged or infirm preacher in our Association who needs help that has been unable for one reason or another to get help from our Board. If there be such we must not allow them to live in need.

"Baptist Hospital"

Jesus went about doing good, healing the peoples physically as well as spiritually. Our splendid Hospital at Winston-Salem, N. C., is carrying on this work of healing physically. Last year this hospital cared for 2,976 patients, over half of which were either charity or part-pay patients, spending the large sum of \$59,750.00 for this free work. At present there are 35 patients in the hospital receiving help. Their income has fallen to the danger point. During the first four months of this year they received 1,317 fewer pay patients than during the same period of last year. The call for free service has greatly increased.

The superintendent pleads with us to do the following things in order that they may be able to meet and cope with the present trying situation:

Make the offering for the hospital on Mother's Day as large as possible and see to it that every Baptist Church or Sunday School takes an offering; when a church sends a charity patient send \$1.50 per day to help bear expenses; send our pay patients to them; pray for them; tell others of the advantages of our hospital in location, fire-proof buildings, equipment, medical and surgical staff, Christian nurses and a management that believes in prayer and love.

Mills Home

The progress of civilization is marked by the consideration given children. Jesus said, "suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." As Baptist we should be proud of the Mills Home and of the services it is rendering our denomination and the State of N. C., taking as it does children who through misfortune are denied the loving care of fathers and mothers and training them to be good citizens.

From the 47th annual report of the Mills Home we take the following facts as of June 4, 1932. There were then 632 children in the institution; they are aiding 298 children who are with their mothers; making a total of 929 children being cared for by the Home. The cost of maintaining a child in the Mills and Kennedy Homes was \$271.87 per year, the cost of Mother's aid per child was \$65.76—a reduction of \$6.70 over 1930. From the beginning of Mothers Aid and in the institution they have cared for about 4,000 children, the average time a child stays in the Home being 6½ years.

Permit us to quote from the last report of the late Dr. Kesler.

"There can be no serious complaint against our people for lack of support. Contributions have fallen off, to be sure, but not in proportion to the losses of our people. But in spite of this explanation I still call attention to the strange fact that hundreds of our churches and Sunday Schools have not given anything whatsoever during the last year. This is a perpetual discouragement and is hard to explain. But we are heartened by the liberality of the hosts of the faithful." Surely no church of the Three Forks Association are among the hundreds that gave nothing last year to the support of the nearly 1,000 orphan children that are being cared for by that institution.

Let us constrain you, Brother Pastor and Brother Sunday School Superintendent, to see to it that your people are given the opportunity at least once a month to contribute to Mills Home. Even if the outstretched hands of the orphan does not reach a responsive spot in your heart there is without doubt members of your church and Sunday School who want to do something for them. Please give them the opportunity. We also urge that each Baptist in the Association give one day's work or income to the Mills Home at Thanksgiving, whether this is 25c or \$25.00. If the Baptist of N. C. will do this the Mills Home can pay off its debt and take care of the hundreds of children who should be admitted to the institution or given Moher's Aid and have money left to add to the endowment fund.

CLYDE R. GREENE.

MISSIONS

Missions is defined as service on which one is sent, and a person sent to perform the service. As missions relate to the Kingdom of God on earth it is the work of spreading His Kingdom at home and abroad. Primarily God's co-operative plan of spreading the kingdom of righteousness and salvation though the preaching of the gospel of Christ to the nations of the world is missions.

The co-operative mission plan is divine, and is linked up with human instrumentality and material means obediently surrendered and consecrated to the service of God's Kingdom. In the operation of missions God has called into co-operation with him men and women who obediently surrendered themselves to him, and with them carried on the work of His kingdom on earth.

The work and spread of the kingdom of righteousness and salvation has never waited on God, and does not now wait on him; but has waited and does now wait on men and women and means obediently surrendered and consecrated to Him and the service of His kingdom. God is always operative and ready to move forward. His commands and instructions are in the present tense. "Son go work today my vineyard." "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every

creature." "And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Thus the Lord spake to his followers, and speaks to us, and He names the starting place and the field of operation. He has given to us the mission of witnessing for Christ and preaching the gospel in our own native country, State, and then in the country beyond, and then out to the ends of the world. The arrangements which we have in our organized co-operative program fits into the Lord's plan. We have missions in our State, in our Southland and in Foreign lands.

The growth and development of our Baptist cause in our State is due in a great measure to the work of State missions, which had a definite beginning with the organization of the Baptist State Convention. In most of the cities and all the towns large and small and the county seats the Baptist cause had its beginning in State missions. And the task is not finished by far, the fact is, that it is just as great now as ever with 600,000 unsaved souls above the age of ten years in the State and not less than 240,000 untrained and undeveloped church members in our Baptist churches.

The growth of our Baptist cause in the South is due in a large degree to the work of Home Missions through which our cause was able to keep pace with the extension, growth and development of our frontier States. Home missions has wrought marvelously among the Indians, the foreigners and Negroes of the South, and has been one of the factors in making the South the great Baptist stronghold of the world.

State and Home Missions have been fundamental to the Foreign Mission work, its enlargement and growth. With the growth and development of our Lord's cause in our State and our Southland has come a corresponding growth in our Foreign Mission work. The call comes with increasing emphasis from our foreign missionaries to increase the base of supply—the base of supply of men and money. The Macedonian cry comes to us from down in the home field and from the foreign field, "Come over and help us."

J. A. McKAUGHAN.

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL PROGRESS

We are in the midst of a stressful period. There is political, social, and economic unrest. In the religious world there are the clouds of doubt and modernism and atheism that have tested the people of God. In the midst of these trying times God has been with his people in a wonderful way and as we note the blessings of God we have many things to thank Him for and to take courage.

In the Southern Baptist Convention we have 3,944,566 members. Last year we had 211,253 baptisms, and a net gain of 94,288. In North

Carolina we have 67 white and two Indian Associations with a membership of 420,085, and 2,363 churches. Last year we had 20,245 baptisms, and gave to denominational work \$629,465.21 and to local church work \$2,304,510.47. Grand total of all gifts \$2,933,975.68.

We have 2,313 Sunday Schools in our State with a membership of 363,406. There are 2,372 B. Y. P. U. organizations with a membership of 54,506. The W. M. U. organizations number 2,628 with a membership of 44,016.

In our Association last year 33 churches reported a membership of 4,685 and 186 baptisms. There was reported 33 Sunday Schools with 4,150 members, and 14 B. Y. P. U.'s with 380 members, and 21 W. M. U.'s organizations with 452 members. The value of our church property was \$168,100.00. We gave last year to local church work \$13,-039.91 and to missions and benevolence \$4,507.04. In this year's work God has wonderfully blessed our evangelistic efforts and we have had 323 baptisms. This is an increase of 137 over number we had last year. Our present membership is 5,082. This is an increase 397 over our membership reported last year. We have given to local expenses \$13,-194.69 and to missions and benevolences \$3,040.22. This is \$1,312.04 less than all our church work, than it was last year.

We had this summer a Sunday School revival in which 16 of our churches were enlisted. This was a very fruitful and constructive work. Many of our churches the past year had very successful revivals. Surely God has been good to us. Let us rejoice and pray and trust God and go forward.

Your committee would make the following recommendations to the Association:

1. That we urge the pastors to continue to co-operate and support the pastor's conference, and to study together the needs and problems of our Association.
2. That we continue to emphasize and stress soul winning in our churches.
3. That we indoctrinate our people in the great doctrines of our faith.
4. That we cultivate the spirit of missions in our churches.
5. That we support all the objects of the convention and urge our churches to give financial support to these great causes.
6. That we encourage and help our churches in the Sunday School, and B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. work. These organizations have proved valuable and helpful in the growth and development of our churches.
7. That we urge our churches to call their pastors indefinitely, and that they co-operate with and pray for, and lift up the hands of their pastors.

8. That we urge the churches to make an annual Every Member Canvass and seek to enlist every member in the work of the church.

9. That our churches send more representatives to our denominational meetings.

10. That we urge our Executive Committee to meet each quarter and study and plan and promote all of our associational work.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. HICKS,

E. B. HAGAMAN,

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS TRAINING

There is nothing connected with our Association more vital to our people than that of religious training. Churches with monthly or twice a month services alone may grow spiritually and otherwise. It is very evident that those promoting the agencies through which much of their work is done are more progressive in every respect. They are: the B. Y. P. U., the Sunday Schools, and the Baptist Colleges.

The B. Y. P. U. which is a very important agency in the training especially of our young people for religious service cannot be too highly recommended. Would that every church in our Association was lined up with a lively B. Y. P. U. Thanks for the efforts of Brother S. C. Eggers and co-workers in helping to keep the Baptist Young People's work alive in some of our churches.

The Sunday Schools in our Association are in excellent condition and we feel are doing a great work. Several churches took part in the recent revival. Some new churches were enrolled. The results are very gratifying. Let the good work continue. Your committee commends heartily the efforts of the ones who made possible this great forward movement in our Sunday Schools.

"Our Colleges—We are proud of them." May we take advantage of the opportunity they offer by sending our Baptist boys and girls to them. They are doing a wonderful work but their work could be expanded and made more useful to us by a more liberal support.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. COOKE,

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

The manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors has become largely a political question, hence it is almost impossible to predict just what the future prohibition laws of our State and Nation may be.

It is doubtless true, that in our discussions and efforts to enforce our laws against the liquor traffic we have, for a number of years neglected to teach this younger generation the evils of the use of intoxicating liquors.

We have a generation that does not know the conditions that prevailed in the days of the saloon and bar room.

We have not been as diligent to teach the effects and evils of the unrestricted sale of liquors as was our people who had to personally grapple with it.

Our school text books no longer give the children the information as to the effects of liquors and narcotics as they once did, hence a generation not aroused to the danger as the older people knew it.

It is imperative that Christian people with all other good citizens shall wage a campaign of education against the evils of drink as well as supporting laws for the control of the traffic.

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

We your Committee on Nominations submit the following:

Religious Literature.....Smith Hagaman, J. W. Norris
 Missions.....J. A. Williams, D. L. Greene
 Associational Progress.....Wade Brown, Dean Swift
 Religious Training.....S. C. Eggers, Miss Maude Greene
 Benevolences.....R. C. Eggers, Ed Hodges
 Temperance.....Fred Cook, W. C. Payne
 Woman's Work.....Mrs. D. P. Coffey, Mrs. Hattie Johnson
 Resolutions.....G. W. Robbins, John Ward
 Nominations.....G. P. Hagaman, D. C. Mast
 Order of Business.....Executive Committee
 Time, Place and Preacher....I. T. Barnett, W. N. Thomas, H. C. Cook
 Finance.....T. A. Bumgarner, W. W. Wilson
 Obituaries.....A. J. Greene, Lee Swift
 Sunday School Director.....S. C. Eggers
 B. Y. P. U. Director.....Miss Maude Greene
 Director of Mills Home.....G. P. Hagaman
 Hospital Director.....J. A. McKaughan
 Delegates to State Convention.....Mrs. Nora Wilson, W Y. Perry
 Executive Committee:—H. R. Eggers, Chairman; A. J. Greene, Fred Cook, Smith Hagaman, C. J. Farthing, Wade F. Norris, R. C. Eggers W. C. Payne, W. J. Farthing and G. P. Hagaman; I. G. Greer and W. Y. Perry, Ex Officio members.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. HICKS,
 CLYDE R. GREENE,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We are all aware of the fact that the success of any organization depends largely upon the efficiency of its officers. Therefore be it resolved:

1st. That we extend our sincere thanks to the entire group of our Associational officers and Sunday School workers for their services and untiring efforts in promoting our Master's cause during the past year.

2nd. That we commend Brother S. C. Eggers and all B. Y. P. U. workers for their faithful services and leadership.

3rd. That we hold in high esteem the splendid work of the W. M. U. in all their activities and pray that God continue to bless their undertakings.

4th. That we view with alarm the great crime wave over our land, especially among our young people and believe the same is largely due: 1st. To lack of discipline in the home. 2nd. Lack of church discipline. 3rd. Careless living among our church members and non-enforcement of law.

Therefore we urge every father and mother and all church members in this association to think and pray earnestly over these vital problems.

5th. We are conscious of the fact that the cause of temperance and the Eighteenth Amendment are being assailed as never before by the wet forces and that the demon of strong drink has grown to giant like proportions in the destruction of our people. Therefore we pledge allegiance to the cause of temperance and agree to do all in our power to drive this curse from the land.

6th. We deeply regret the tragic death of our beloved Brother M. L. Kesler, Manager of Mills Home, Thomasville, N. C., and do hereby extend our deepest sympathy to his bereaved family, and realize that North Carolina has lost a true servant of God.

7th. That we extend a hearty welcome to our visiting friends and earnestly hope that they will come often to our association.

8th. Whereas the game of baseball is played at some place in Watauga County on the Sabbath, and is injurious to the morals of our young people; Therefore be it resolved that the Three Forks Association protest and condemn such games on the Sabbath day and appeal to the legal authorities of the county to stop them.

9th. That we express to Bethany Baptist Church and to the Community our sincere thanks for the kind hospitality to this session of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. GREENE,

WADE L. GREENE,

Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We the finance committee submit the following report:

Received for Minute funds.....	\$52.92
Paid over to Treasurer and Clerk.....	52.92

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. ROBBINS,
JOHN W. WARD,

Committee.

TIME PLACE AND PREACHER

We your committee submit the following report:

- (1) Time—Tuesday and Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in August, 1933.
 - (2) Place—South Fork.
 - (3) Preacher—W. D. Ashley.
- Alternate—W. C. Payne.

Respectfully submitted,

WILL H. McGUIRE,
FRED COOKE,
D. C. MAST,

Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Received from Association for:

Printing Minutes	\$75.36
Friends of David Greene.....	4.81
Balance in treasury	9.00

Total	\$89.17
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Disbursements:

Paid Economy Printing Co.....	\$67.43
Clerk for services.....	20.00
Mailing Minutes	1.00
Mailing Church Letters.....	.40

Total	\$88.83
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Balance in treasury.....	24c
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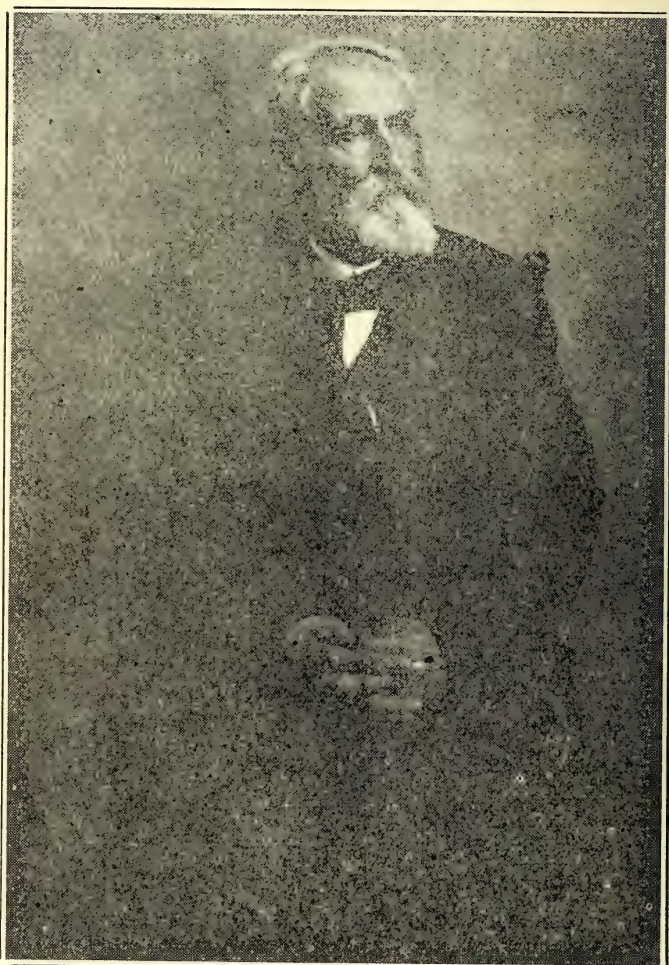
OUR DEAD

Members

Mrs. J. C. Greer.
Mr. M. T. Harmon.
Mrs. Louisa Vines.
Mr. J. K. Perry.
Miss Polly Farthing.
Mr. J. P. Wilson.
Mrs. Jane Dugger.
Mrs. L. J. Michael.
Miss Ethel Greene.
Mr. S. J. Barnett.
Mrs. S. J. Barnett.
Mrs. V. C. Howell.
Mr. Philip Bentley.
Mrs. Roxie Bolick.
Mrs. Newton Banner.
Mr. J. A. Idol.
Mrs. Nancy Greene.
Mrs. W. D. Norris.
Mrs. Alice Browne.

Members

Mrs. Adaline Norris.
Mr. W. T. Watson.
Mr. D. S. Greene.
Mrs. G. W. Smith.
Mrs. Mary Isaacs.
Mrs. Lura Eggers.
Mrs. Susan Price.
Mrs. Martha Daugherty.
Mrs. Pachie Dotson.
Mrs. Sarah Duval.
Mrs. Raleigh Williams.
Mrs. Mary Greene.
Mrs. Martha Ann Greer.
Mrs. Molly Younce.
Mr. John Norris.
Mrs. Callie Eggers.
Mrs. Mary Greer.
Mr. M. W. Storie, Deacon.
Mr. Edmund Greene, Elder.



ELDER J. J. L. SHERWOOD

The subject of this sketch, Elder J. J. L. Sherwood, was born February 7, 1842, died October 28th, 1917. He preached the Gospel for over 50 years, baptized 5,000 converts. Preached in most of the churches in Washington, Smyth and Grayson Counties, Va., and Watauga, Caldwell, Burke and Ashe Counties, N. C. Held some long pastorates, among them Globe Baptist Church in Caldwell for 27 years. He was true to God and His word.



E. F. JONES

E. F. Jones was born at Trade, Tenn., Sept. 5, 1848, and died in the State of Washington on April 20th, 1926. On April 22, 1866, he was married to Nancy Younce. When he was twenty years old he was ordained as a Baptist minister. The greater part of his life was spent in pastoral and evangelistic work among the Baptist churches of East Tennessee and Western North Carolina. His native intellect, his moral courage, his knowledge of men, his keen sense of humor, and his ability as a pulpit orator marked him as a leader. He was at home in the most rural church or in the most cultured city pulpit. Jones and Sherwood are still thought of as the giant intellects and the great preachers of their generation.

MINUTES OF THE W. M. U.

The Nineteenth Annual Session of the W. M. U. of the Three Forks Association was held with Beaver Dam Baptist Church September 10, 1932.

"Faith of Our Fathers" was sung.

The devotional was conducted by Mrs. Jas. R. Mast.

The Watchword "He Shall Reign," was repeated in unison.

Mrs. Lee Swift gave the welcome address and Mrs. Odes Wilson the response.

Mrs. J. D. Browne, the Mission Study Chairman gave her report.

Mrs. Enoch Swift, Stewardship Chairman, read a paper on stewardship.

This was followed by the roll call of the societies. The following reported:

Boone—Mrs. J. M. Moretz.

Blowing Rock—Mrs. J. D. Brown.

Bethel—Mrs. Clyde Perry.

Beaver Dams—Mrs. Lee Swift.

Cove Creek (Blanche Barrus)—Miss Thelma Perry.

Cove Creek (Society)—Mrs. D. F. Horton.

Mt. Calvary—Mrs. Edd Qualtny.

Stony Fork—Mrs. Artie Welborne.

The reports showed very encouraging results in all the societies.

The Superintendent then gave her report showing a gain of seven societies.

Next was an address by Rev. Edwin Dozier, son of one of our missionaries in Japan. Mr. Dozier brought to our minds the need of more missionaries on the foreign fields, showing that Japan in the last few years has lost twenty of its workers.

Mrs. Qualls then gave a talk on the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering urging all the societies to observe the week of prayer for foreign missions.

Mrs. Archie Qualls gave a Christmas story.

Rev. J. A. McKaughan made a forceful talk against the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment.

The committees were then appointed by the Superintendent.

After prayer by Mrs. D. F. Horton, the meeting adjourned for the noon hour.

Afternoon Session

Mrs. Clyde Perry, conducted the devotional exercises for the afternoon session.

Rev. P. A. Hicks gave an inspiring talk on the Watchword "He Shall Reign."

Mrs. J. J. Coffey, Young People's Leader, then took charge of the meeting.

The following Young People's organizations reported:

Boone—Y. W. A., Miss Pauline Swift.

Boone—Int. G. A., Mrs. J. J. Coffey.

Boone—Junior G. A., Mrs. Hill Hagaman.

Boone—Sunbeams, Mrs. J. J. Coffey.

Cove Creek—G. A., Mrs. Hattie Johnson.

Cove Creek—Sunbeams, Mrs. D. F. Horton.

Mt. Calvary—Sunbeams, Mrs. Eva Chappel.

A short illustration program was given.

What Girls Auxiliary Means—Carolyn Winkler.

Story—Bruce Farthing.

"Say It with Service"—Miss Pauline Swift.

Mrs. Dozier then gave a talk on "Training of the Youth." Mrs. Dozier Said, "What the youth and the world needs most is real mothers."

Report on Recommendations

Whereas our Loving Father has blessed us beyond our deserts we recommend:

1st. That we devote ourselves to a more consecrated prayer life, individual and as missionary societies, that the law be observed, and the sacredness of the home maintained.

2nd. That we shall strive to inform ourselves of the needs of the world through a systematic study.

3rd. That we strive to enlist every woman in the W. M. S., and to the support of Christ's Kingdom.

4th. That each society in the Association foster a junior organization in its own church or some other church.

5th. That we shall in our homes encourage family worship since we believe it is here that the strength of our nation stands and the bulwark of the Kingdom is erected.

6th. That we the women of the Three Forks Association go on record as against any change in the Eighteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the U. S.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. EDWIN DOZIER,

MRS. D. F. HORTON,

Committee.

TIME AND PLACE

Next meeting to be held with Boone, The Time to be decided by the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Superintendent—Mrs. J. L. Qualls.

Assistant Superintendent—Mrs. J. J. Coffey.

Secretary—Mrs. Hattie Johnson.

Young People's Leader—Mrs. Odes Wilson.

Chairman Personal Service—Mrs. Smith Hagaman.

Chairman Stewardship—Mrs. Edwin Dozier.

Mission Study Superintendent—Mrs. J. D. Brown.

The report on Resolutions was read by Mrs. Clyde Perry.

On motion the meeting adjourned after prayer by Rev. R. C. Eggers.

MRS. J. L. QUALLS, Supt.

MRS. HATTIE JOHNSON, Sec.

TABLE I: CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC., THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION FOR AUGUST 30-31, 1932

CHURCHES	Location	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP										Revivals Held	Observances	Lord's Supper	Subscribers
					GAINS						LOSSES							
					Membership Last Year	Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Deaths						
													Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meetings				
1 Antioch.....	C	1849	W. Swift Reese, N. C.	1	192	6	1	...	...	...	3	4	...	3	182	No	1	3
2 Bethel.....	C	1851	J. A. McKaughan, Sherwood, N. C.	4	240	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	245	No	1	1
3 Beaver Dam.....	C	1874	R. C. Eggers, Zionville, N. C.	2	147	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	97	No	1	2
4 Bethany.....	C	1896	F. C. Watts, Purluar, N. C.	1 3	147	6	...	...	...	...	7	1	...	1	154	Yes	1	...
5 Blowing Rock.....	T	1903	P. A. Hicks, Boone, N. C.	1 2 3 4	434	15	35	...	...	...	22	3	...	4	471	Yes	3	...
6 Boone First.....	T	1870	P. A. Hicks, Boone, N. C.	3	135	10	7	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	147	Yes	1	...
7 Brushy Fork.....	C	1858	W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rock, N. C.	1	92	27	3	...	...	...	15	4	...	1	102	Yes	1	2
8 Cool Spring.....	C	1887	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock, N. C.	1 3	193	12	5	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	206	No	1	3
9 Cove Creek.....	C	1799	J. A. McKaughan, Sherwood, N. C.	2	54	7	5	1	...	...	6	1	...	2	60	Yes	1	...
10 Elk Knob.....	C	1890	J. R. Trivett, Mabel, N. C.	3	56	11	10	...	...	...	5	...	...	2	74	Yes	1	...
11 Fall Creek.....	C	1885	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock, N. C.	3	149	18	2	...	...	...	3	...	3	1	115	No	1	...
12 Forest Grove.....	C	1889	E. J. Farthing, Sugar Grove, N. C.	3	110	6	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	5	126	Yes	1	...
13 Gap Creek.....	C	1882	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock, N. C.	1	105	19	6	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	156	Yes	1	...
14 Howard's Creek.....	C	1873	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock, N. C.	4	138	26	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	142	...	...	...
15 Laurel Spring.....	C	1861	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock, N. C.	2	142	10	2	...	...	...	6	...	...	1	113	Yes	2	...
16 Meat Camp.....	C	1905	R. H. Shore, Blowing Rock, N. C.	2	95	4	15	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	166	Yes	1	...
17 Middle Fork.....	C	1880	F. C. Watts, Purluar, N. C.	2 2 2	156	14	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	96	No	1	...	
18 Mt. Calvary.....	C	1869	E. J. Farthing, Sugar Grove, N. C.	2 2 2	87	11	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	4	175	Yes	2	1
19 Mt. Gilead.....	C	1891	E. J. Farthing, Sugar Grove, N. C.	2 2 2	152	27	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	121	No	2	3
20 Mt. Lebanon.....	C	1916	F. C. Watts, Purluar, N. C.	1	114	4	7	...	...	...	4	...	...	3	289	Yes	1	...
21 Oak Grove.....	C	1891	G. W. Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.	4	296	6	4	...	...	...	9	5	...	1	166	No	1	...
22 Pleasant Grove.....	C	1872	R. C. Eggers, Zionville, N. C.	1	101	5	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	102	No	1	...
23 Poplar Grove.....	C	1921	H. M. Winkler, Todd, N. C.	1	74	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	7	70	No	1	...
24 Profitts Grove.....	C	1905	Tipton Greene, Boone, N. C.	2	77	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	148	No	1	...
25 Rich Mountain.....	C	1888	R. H. Shore, Blowing Rock, N. C.	2 4	182	6	1	...	...	...	4	33	...	1	191	No	1	...
26 Shulls Mills.....	V	1833	H. M. Winkler, Todd, N. C.	1	171	22	4	...	...	...	1	6	1	1	88	No	1	...
27 South Fork.....	C	1841	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock, N. C.	3	82	9	2	...	...	...	3	1	1	165	Yes	1	1	...
28 Stony Fork.....	C	1906	Tipton Greene, Boone, N. C.	2	162	2	8	...	...	...	6	...	...	3	203	No	...	...
29 Timbered Ridge.....	C	1790	W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rock, N. C.	3	206	1	1	...	...	...	2	3	...	122	No	2	...	...
30 Three Forks.....	C	1885	E. C. Hodges, Adams, N. C.	2	95	26	5	...	...	...	4	...	...	133	No	1	2	...
31 Union.....	C	1911	J. A. McKaughan, Sherwood, N. C.	2	153	1	1	...	...	...	5	6	...	2	142	No	1	...
32 Willowdale.....	V	1836	W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rock, N. C.	4	122	10	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	133	No	1	2	...
33 Zionville.....	C	1886	Tipton Greene, Boone, N. C.	4	122	10	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	133	No	1	2	...
34 Zion Hill.....	C	1886	Tipton Greene, Boone, N. C.	4	122	10	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	133	No	1	2	...
TOTALS.....					4,752	323	131	8	10	137	39	52	39	5,006				

W. Y. Perry, Clerk of Three Forks Baptist Association, Sherwood, N. C.
I. G. Greer, Moderator of Three Forks Baptist Association, Boone, N. C.

TABLE II: SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF N. C., AUGUST 30-31, 1932

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										SPECIAL INFORMATION																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																									
SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES										Officers and Teachers	Home Department	Total Enrollment Including Officers, Teachers and Pupils	What is Your Average Attendance?	Is the School Graded?	Is it Standard A-1?	Teachers Holding Normal Diplomas	Baptisms from School	Did you hold a Daily Vacation Bible School	Enrollment Daily Vacation School	Av. Attendance Daily Vacation School																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																															
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1 Antioch.....	C	W. J. Farthing, Valle Crucis, N. C.	6	15	24	38	33	50	15	8	14	8	15	...	57	32	Yes	No	...	...	No	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

TOTALS

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W. Y. Perry, Clerk of Three Forks Baptist Association, Sherwood, N. C.
 I. G. Greer, Moderator of Three Forks Baptist Association, Boone, N. C.
 There are no Mission Sunday Schools.

TABLE III: CHURCH PROPERTY OF THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, AUGUST 30-31, 1932

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Does Church Own House of Worship?	When was it Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	No. of Department Assembly Rooms	No. Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Value of Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
1 Antioch.....	L. W. Ward, Sugar Grove, N. C.	Yes 1902	Wood	300	1	No		No	2,500		2,000		
2 Bethel.....	Bert Farthing, Sugar Grove, N. C.	Yes 1924	Brick	350	8	1	6	1	8,000		8,000		
3 Beaver Dam.....	C. B. Reese, Reese, N. C.	Yes 1924	Wood	300	3		4		3,500		3,500		
4 Bethany.....	J. L. Triplett, Matney, N. C.	Yes 1899	Wood	200	1				1,000		1,000		
5 Blowing Rock.....	H. E. Coffey, Blowing Rock, N. C.	Yes 1924	Wood	200	8	3	6		17,000		17,000		
6 Boone First.....	J. T. C. Wright, Boone, N. C.	Yes 1929	Brick	375	40	7	40		60,000	5,000	65,000	12,500	22,750
7 Brushy Fork.....	Blanche Anderson, Vilas, N. C.	Yes 1881	Wood	300	5	1	5		4,000		4,000		1,000
8 Cool Spring.....	D. W. Mitchell, Blowing Rock, N. C.	Yes 1910	Wood	500	1				1,500		1,500		
9 Cove Creek.....	J. S. McBride, Sherwood, N. C.	Yes 1923	Brick	200	8	1	10		15,000		15,000		
10 Elk Knob.....	W. C. South, Meat Camp, N. C.	Yes	Wood	200	1				1,000		1,000		
11 Fall Creek.....	L. L. Story, Heaton, N. C.	Yes 1927	Wood	300	1				1,000		1,000		
12 Forest Grove.....	Ellis Moody, Vilas, N. C.	Yes 1907	W-M	400	1				1,200		1,200		
13 Gap Creek.....	Thos. Fairchild, Deep Gap, N. C.	Yes	Wood	300	1				1,200		1,200		
14 Howard's Creek.....	L. F. Cottrill, Boone, N. C.	Yes 1900	Wood	300	1				1,000		1,000		
15 Laurel Spring.....	W. H. Wagner, Boone, N. C.	Yes 1877	Wood	500	1	10			2,050		2,050		
16 Meat Camp.....	L. A. Greene, Boone, N. C.	Yes 1927	Wood	250	3	5			5,000		5,000		
17 Middle Fork.....	W. T. Vandyke, Blowing Rock, N. C.	Yes 1905	Wood	300	1				2,000		2,000		
18 Mt. Calvary.....	R. C. Greene, Balm, N. C.	Yes 1901	Wood	300	1	1			1,000		1,000		
19 Mt. Gilead.....	O. H. Trivett, Beech Creek, N. C.	Yes 1912	Wood	200	1				2,000		2,000		
20 Mt. Lebanon.....	Ronda Earp, Vilas, N. C.	Yes 1891	Wood	300	1				900		900		
21 Oak Grove.....	Leonell Ward, Boone, N. C.	Yes 1922	Wood	400	1				2,500		2,500		
22 Pleasant Grove.....	Roy Eggers, Zionville, N. C.	Yes 1893	Wood	400	1	10			1,500		1,500		
23 Poplar Grove.....	T. C. Hodges, Boone, N. C.	Yes 1914	Wood	225	1	10	c		3,500		3,500		
24 Profits Grove.....	L. E. Wilson, Zionville, N. C.	Yes 1919	Wood	300	1				1,000		1,000		
25 Rich Mountain.....	L. E. Beach, Zionville, N. C.	Yes 1905	Wood	300	1				1,000		1,000		
26 Shulls Mills.....	J. M. Day, Shulls Mills, N. C.	Yes 1888	Wood	300	1				2,500		2,500		
27 South Fork.....	Will H. McGuire, Brookside, N. C.	Yes 1900	Wood	300	1				3,000		3,000		
28 Stony Fork.....	J. S. Welbern, Deep Gap, N. C.	Yes 1898	Wood	300	1				1,000		1,000		
29 Timbered Ridge.....	Wade L. Greene, Peoria, N. C.	Yes 1912	Wood	300	1				1,000		1,000		
30 Three Forks.....	A. J. Edmisten, Boone, N. C.	Yes 1922	Wood	300	1	5	c		3,000		3,000	61	
31 Union.....	J. M. Burkett, Mabel, N. C.	Yes	Wood	500	1				2,000		2,000		
32 Willowdale.....	I. A. Bumgarner, Vilas, N. C.	Yes 1923	Wood	300	7	6			8,000		8,000	125	
33 Zionville.....	Loyd Eller, Zionville, N. C.	Yes 1926	Wood	300	7				5,000		5,000		
34 Zion Hill.....	Alvin Cannon, Beech Creek, N. C.	Yes 1886	Wood	500	2	3			1,500		1,500		

TOTALS.

W. Y. Perry, Clerk of Three Forks Baptist Association, Sherwood, N. C.
 I. G. Greer, Moderator of Three Forks Baptist Association, Boone, N. C.

167,060 5,000 176,060 12,686 23,750

TABLE IV: GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK OF THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, AUGUST 30-31, 1932

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES		Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help	Building & Repairs	Incidentals	Literature for S. & B. Y. P. U.	Help Given Local	For Printing the Minutes and Clerk	Other Objects	Total Given by Church	Total Given by all W. M. U. Org.	Total Given by the Sunday School	Grand Total for Local Work Given by Church and All Organizations
1 Antioch.....	J. L. Glenn, Sugar Grove, N. C.	46.64	4.25	25.73	40.96	8.25	11.76	7.65	5.00	1.87	10.00	91.17	91.17	51.48	91.17
2 Bethel.....	W. W. Wilson, Sugar Grove.....	294.00	.....	25.73	40.96	26.35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	339.69	339.69	.....	339.17
3 Beaver Dam.....	Lee Swift, Reese, N. C.....	93.99	.....	21.45	8.00	15.00	4.00	40.00	2.00	.....	.....	180.44	180.44	.....	180.44
4 Bethany.....	L. J. Michael, Balm, N. C.....	43.00	.....	15.00	50.00	.....	10.00	.....	1.00	.....	.....	119.00	119.00	.....	119.00
5 Blowing Rock.....	D. P. Coffey, Blowing Rock.....	170.00	.....	57.19	.....	25.00	49.05	.....	2.00	227.31	.....	499.50	499.50	79.44	560.94
6 Boone First.....	J. P. Hagaman, Boone, N. C.....	2,000.00	.....	297.80	1,730.76	385.39	408.84	.....	7.00	169.16	.....	4,099.55	4,099.55	.....	4,099.55
7 Brushy Fork.....	Arthur Adams, Vilas, N. C.....	132.95	.....	38.00	125.00	.....	36.08	37.17	2.50	.....	.....	871.40	871.40	.....	371.40
8 Cool Spring.....	S. C. Rogers, Blowing Rock.....	96.29	.....	21.22	41.79	27.81	14.10	6.85	2.50	.....	.....	166.46	166.46	.....	311.16
9 Cove Creek.....	L. F. Horton, Sugar Grove, N. C	346.30	.....	34.28	34.26	40.00	58.44	.....	2.60	.....	.....	430.66	430.66	49.70	515.88
10 Elk Knob.....	Sam S. South, Meat Camp, N. C	27.00	.....	15.00	.....	7.00	8.00	.....	1.05	.....	.....	42.00	42.00	.....	42.00
11 Fall Creek.....	L. L. Story, Heaton, N. C.....	61.76	.....	12.76	19.00	.....	14.99	20.00	.....	.....	.....	129.57	129.57	.....	129.57
12 Forest Grove.....	J. M. Johnson, Vilas, N. C.....	23.44	.....	40.00	3.65	.....	19.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	82.08	82.08	.....	82.08
13 Gap Creek.....	Thos. Fairchild, Deep Gap.....	50.89	.....	19.57	.....	12.00	16.32	.....	7.75	.....	8.00	102.15	102.15	.....	102.15
14 Howard's Creek.....	W. B. Culler, Boone, N. C.....	54.00	.....	21.00	.....	2.00	20.00	.....	3.00	.....	.....	104.32	104.32	.....	104.32
15 Laurel Spring.....	W. H. Wagner, Boone, N. C.....	78.83	.....	26.40	60.00	6.31	20.00	.....	1.00	.....	.....	192.54	192.54	.....	192.54
16 Meat Camp.....	M. C. Brown, Boone, N. C.....	98.67	.....	30.00	.....	30.50	36.10	22.19	1.90	.....	28.79	203.86	203.86	.....	203.86
17 Middle Fork.....	L. P. Hodges, Blowing Rock.....	142.70	.....	28.15	.....	24.70	36.10	22.19	2.50	.....	.....	268.44	268.44	.....	268.44
18 Mt. Calvary.....	J. M. Shomaker, Balm, N. C.....	231.48	.....	68.87	2,792.63	.....	22.00	21.75	2.00	.....	.....	3,183.42	3,183.42	.....	3,183.42
19 Mt. Gilgoad.....	O. H. Trivett, Beech Creek, N.	41.87	.....	41.96	7.95	.....	20.86	.....	1.50	.....	.....	64.32	64.32	.....	64.32
20 Mt. Lebanon.....	J. C. Danner, Vilas, N. C.....	64.11	.....	20.00	.....	12.00	21.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	135.72	135.72	.....	135.72
21 Oak Grove.....	Mrs. Dora Greene, Adams.....	44.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	97.30	97.30	.....	97.30
22 Pleasant Grove.....	Roy Eggers, Zionville, N. C.....	124.51	.....	25.36	3.00	20.95	50.00	20.25	1.25	.....	4.25	196.01	196.01	.....	196.01
23 Poplar Grove.....	P. M. Winkler, Shulls Mills.....	86.21	.....	1.25	.....	1.90	27.71	11.70	2.00	.....	.....	167.48	167.48	.....	167.48
24 Profit's Grove.....	L. E. Wilson, Zionville, N. C.....	102.35	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.07	.....	1.05	.....	.....	134.32	134.32	.....	134.32
25 Rich Mountain.....	L. E. Beach, Zionville, N. C.....	46.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.00	.....	1.25	.....	.....	53.75	53.75	.....	53.75
26 Shulls Mills.....	J. B. Reed, Shulls Mills, N. C.	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	18.05	1.60	1.25	.....	2.11	70.03	70.03	.....	70.03
27 South Fork.....	W. F. Norris, Todd, N. C.....	218.23	.....	58.81	.....	.....	25.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	302.24	302.24	.....	302.24
28 Stony Fork.....	D. L. Welborn, Stony Fork.....	91.36	.....	17.00	.....	37.60	25.00	.....	2.00	.....	.....	172.36	172.36	.....	172.36
29 Timbered Ridge.....	E. B. Hagaman, Beech Creek.....	43.20	7.27	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	2.25	.....	6.00	68.72	68.72	.....	68.72
30 Three Forks.....	A. J. Edmisten, Boone, N. C.....	100.00	.....	36.18	.....	31.64	94.99	.....	3.70	.....	.....	266.51	266.51	.....	266.51
31 Union.....	M. L. Warren, Mabel, N. C.....	70.00	15.00	15.00	.....	.....	22.78	.....	.....	.....	.....	122.78	122.78	.....	122.78
32 Willowdale.....	I. A. Bumgarner, Vilas, N. C.....	82.96	.....	32.37	125.00	35.00	20.00	.....	2.00	.....	.....	297.33	297.33	.....	297.33
33 Zionville.....	Dwight Eggers, Zionville, N. C.	92.31	.....	.....	.....	13.60	.....	.....	1.45	.....	.....	106.36	106.36	.....	106.36
34 Zion Hill.....	Lewis Harman, Beech Creek.....	82.54	.....	13.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	96.54	96.54	.....	96.54

TOTALS.....

5,262.59 26.53 1,033.29 5,042.00 814.10 1,124.63 166.97 59.17 456.22 12,957.93 35.53 180.62 12873.47
W. Y. Perry, Clerk of Three Forks Baptist Association, Sherwood, N. C.
I. G. Greer, Moderator of Three Forks Baptist Association, Boone, N. C.

TABLE V: GIFTS FOR MISSIONS. EDUCATION AND ALL BENEVOLENCES, THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSO., AUG. 30-31, 1932

CHURCHES		REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES												
		Co-operative Program	Special to Social Mission	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Christian Education and Ministerial	Special to Orphanage	Special Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	Other Special Gifts	Total Given by W. M. U.	Given by S. S.	Grand Tot. for Churches and Depts.
1	Antioch.....	J. L. Glenn, Sugar Grove, N. C..	3.20						50.45					53.65
2	Bethel.....	W. W. Wilson, Sugar Grove, N. C..	82.80			1.61	12.62	13.57	84.31	9.86			16.70	204.77
3	Beaver Dam.....	Lee Swift, Reese, N. C..				4.10	18.02	1.35	53.56	4.30				83.98
4	Bethany.....	L. J. Michael, Matney, N. C..												
5	Blowing Rock.....	D. P. Coffey, Blowing Rock, N. C..	39.85		2.29		22.04				15.43		36.64	82.00
6	Boone First.....	G. P. Hagaman, Boone, N. C..	325.00		15.60	22.07	30.90	169.25	398.80	25.86	22.71			740.94
7	Brushy Fork.....	A. B. Adams, Vilas, N. C..			3.13	3.50	3.50	5.14	147.05	3.27	165.59		25.75	165.59
8	Cool Spring.....	L. C. Rogers, Blowing Rock, N. C..							5.00					70.75
9	Cove Creek.....	S. F. Horton, Sugar Grove, N. C..	35.45			5.00	29.13	18.55	9.69	9.96			59.34	167.78
10	Elk Knob.....	Sam S. South, Meat Camp, N. C..												
11	Fall Creek.....	L. L. Story, Heaton, N. C..												
12	Forest Grove.....	J. M. Joinson, Vilas, N. C..	9.81						44.30					54.11
13	Gap Creek.....	Thos. Fairchild, Deep Gap, N. C..							58.40					28.40
14	Howard's Creek.....	W. B. Culler, Boone, N. C..							33.88					33.88
15	Laurel Spring.....	W. H. Wagner, Boone, N. C..			4.77	4.78			42.90	2.41				56.86
16	Meat Camp.....	M. C. Brown, Boone, N. C..					4.91		86.61	3.66				93.18
17	Middle Fork.....	L. P. Hodges, Blowing Rock, N. C..							112.43	3.50				117.93
18	Mt. Calvary.....	J. M. Shomaker, Balm, N. C..	30.48						100.31		8.10			138.89
19	Mt. Gilgoad.....	O. H. Trivett, Beech Creek, N. C..							36.15					36.15
20	Mt. Lebanon.....	Mrs. Dora Greene, Adams, N. C..							53.00					53.00
21	Oak Grove.....	Roy Eggers, Zionville, N. C..	2.45						61.40					94.10
22	Pleasant Grove.....	T. M. Winkler, Shulls Mills, N. C..	10.51					10.00			20.25			12.01
23	Poplar Grove.....	L. E. Wilson, Zionville, N. C..	18.05		2.51				1.50					45.03
24	Proffits Grove.....	L. E. Beach, Zionville, N. C..							4.47					45.03
25	Rich Mountain.....	J. J. B. Reed, Shulls Mills, N. C..							14.50	3.00				17.50
26	Shulls Mills.....	J. E. Reed, Shulls Mills, N. C..							46.23	2.00	3.71	34.10	17.84	51.94
27	South Fork.....	W. F. Norris, Todd, N. C..	59.85		11.16				15.60	4.66	19.50			110.77
28	Stony Fork.....	D. L. Welborn, Stony Fork, N. C..	3.85						50.00					53.85
29	Timbered Ridge.....	E. B. Hagaman, Beech Creek, N. C..							55.59	4.22				59.81
30	Three Forks.....	A. J. Edmisten, Boone, N. C..							90.00	11.00				101.00
31	Union.....	M. L. Warren, Mabel, N. C..												
32	Willowdale.....	I. A. Bumgarner, Vilas, N. C..							136.04					136.04
33	Zionville.....	Dwight Eggers, Zionville, N. C..		1.85					6.40	8.60				16.75
34	Zion Hill.....	Lewis Warman, Beech Creek, N. C..												
TOTALS			590	89,130	48,301	15,522	29,999	08,239	901	1,789	72	97	2,619	89,705

W. Y. Perry, Clerk of Three Forks Baptist Association, Sherwood, N. C.
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TABLE VI: B. Y. P. U.'S OF THREE FORKS BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION, AUGUST 30-31, 1932.

CHURCHES														CHURCHES													
Senior Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions	Standard Unions	Seniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	No. Taking Study Course	Total No. Daily Bible Readers	Givers in All Unions	Students in College	No. of Woman's Missionary Societies	No. of Y. W. A.'s	No. of G. A.'s	No. of R. A.'s	No. of Sunbeams	Total W. M. U. Organizations	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A.'s Members	G. A.'s Members	R. A.'s Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members	Total Enrolled in Courses		
Boone First.....	2	1	1	4	2	75	25	21	121	44	38	51	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	12	1	1	12	12	1	
Cove Creek.....	1	1	1	3	25	19	19	25	17	10	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27	27	1	1	27	27	1	
Three Forks.....	1	1	1	3	30	30	30	30	13	13	13	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	6	74	27	35	10	35	181	60	
Willowdale.....	1	1	1	3	30	30	30	30	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	4	34	17	17	11	11	62	35	
													1	1	1	1	1	1	3	32	16	16	16	48	9	9	
	4	2	1	5	2	130	44	21	195	61	48	71	13	7	1	3	2	4	16	188	27	52	26	58	351	105	

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WOMAN'S WORK

CHURCHES		PRESIDENTS AND POST OFFICES		Number Societies		Number Members		Number Mission Study Classes		No. Special Seasons of Prayer		Gifts to Benevolences	
	Organization												
Boone	W. M.	S. Mrs. D. D. Dougherty, Boone.	1	74	5	3	\$372.18						
Blowing Rock	W. M.	S. Mrs. J. M. Hodges, Blowing Rock.	1	25	2	...	98.17						
Bethel	W. M.	S. Mrs. W. W. Wilson, Sugar Grove.	1	15	...	...	50.15						
Beaver Dam	W. M.	S. Mrs. Dallas Wilson, Reese.	1	15	...	...	34.16						
Bethany	W. M.	S. Mrs. Thelma Farthing, Mauney.	1	22	...	...	8.54						
Blanche Barrus, Cove Creek	W. M.	S. Mrs. James Mast, Smantha.	1	28	3	...	42.81						
Cove Creek	W. M.	S. Mrs. D. F. Horton, Vilas.	1	10	...	...	37.75						
Forest Grove	W. M.	S. Mrs. Kate Johnson, Vilas.	1	22	2	...	15.55						
Mt. Calvary	W. M.	S. Mrs. Ed Guathney, Banners Elk.	1	8	...	...	47.06						
Pleasant Grove	W. M.	S. Mrs. Molly Adams, Zionville.	1	6	...	...	1.00						
South Fork	W. M.	S. Mrs. H. M. Winkler, Todd.	1	8	...	...	9.75						
Meat Camp	W. M.	S. Mrs. Verne Greene, Zionville.	1	10	...	...	3.60						
Stony Fork	W. M.	S. Mrs. Artie Welburn, Deep Gap.	1	16	...	...	.90						
Boone	Y. W. A. Mrs.	P. A. Hicks, Boone.	1	27	1	3	131.46						
Boone-A. T. S. C.	Y. W. A. Miss	Carolyn Weaver, Boone.	1	24	...	...	48.64						
Boone	Int. G. A. Mrs.	Robert Coffey, Boone.	1	14	...	...	15.48						
Boone	Jr. G. A. Mrs.	Hill Hagaman, Boone.	1	20	1	3	6.74						
Cove Creek	G. A. Mrs.	Dave Mast, Sugar Grove.	1	15	...	...	10.00						
Boone	R. A. Mrs.	J. E. Coffey, Boone.	1	13	1	...	27.41						
Boone	Sunbeam	Mrs. Emma Moore, Boone.	1	10	1	3	14.72						
Mt. Calvary	Sunbeam	Miss Eva Chappell, Balm.	1	35	1	3	2.08						
TOTALS			400	14	25	\$378.15							

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday and Wednesday after the Fourth Sunday in August,
1934, with the Beaver Dam Baptist Church. A. J.

Greene to preach the annual sermon. Roy
Dotson, Alternate.

PROGRAM

ORDER OF BUSINESS, 1934 SESSION

TUESDAY A. M.

- 9:00-10:00—Annual Sermon.
- 10:00-10:45—Organization and Address of Moderator.
- 10:45-11:15—Report on Religious Literature.
- 11:15-12:00—Report on Temperance.

NOON RECESS

- 1:00- 1:15—Devotional.
- 1:15- 2:30—Missions.
- 2:30- 3:30—Benevolences.
- 3:30- 4:00—Obituaries.

WEDNESDAY A. M.

- 9:00- 9:30—Devotional.
- 9:30-10:30—Religious Training.
- 10:30-11:00—Report of Executive Committee.
- 11:00-11:30—Associational Progress and reading of a short history of Beaver Dam Church.
- 11:30-12:15—Sermon by W. C. Payne.

NOON RECESS

- 1:15- 1:30—Devotional.
- 1:30- 2:25—Woman's Work.
- 2:25- 2:40—Nominations.
- 2:40- 2:55—Resolutions.
- 2:55- 3:10—Time Place and Preacher.
- 3:10- 3:20—Report of Finance Committee.
- 3:20- 3:30—Report of Treasurer.
- 3:30- 3:45—Miscellaneous.
- 3:45- 4:00—Closing Program.

DIRECTORY

OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION

W. D. Farthing, Moderator.....	Boone, N. C.
W. Y. Perry, Clerk and Treasurer.....	Sherwood, N. C.
A. J. Greene, Historian.....	Vilas, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Herman R. Eggers, Chairman, Boone, N. C.; A. J. Greene, Fred Cook, E. C. Hodges, Smith Hagaman, R. C. Eggers, Thomas C. Hodges, Lee Swift, A. J. Edmisten, G. P. Hagaman, W. D. Farthing, and W. Y. Perry.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Church	Ministers	P. O.
Antioch.....	W. H. Glenn, Sugar Grove, N. C.	
Antioch.....	G. W. Trivett, Vilas, N. C.	
Bethel.....	L. C. Wilson, Sugar Grove, N. C.	
Bethel.....	E. J. Farthing, Sugar Grove, N. C.	
Beaver Dam.....	W. Swift, Reese, N. C.	
Bethany.....	J. T. McGuire, Matney, N. C.	
Boone.....	P. A. Hicks, Boone, N. C.	
Boone.....	Tipton Greene, Boone, N. C.	
Boone.....	A. E. Moretz, Boone, N. C.	
Brookside.....	W. B. Church, Finley, N. C.	
Cove Creek.....	J. A. McKaughan, Sherwood, N. C.	
Gap Creek.....	W. C. Greene, Boone, N. C.	
Laurel Spring.....	J. L. Greene, Deep Gap, N. C.	
Middle Fork.....	R. H. Shore, Blowing Rock, N. C.	
Mt. Calvary.....	Roby Painter, Balm, N. C.	
Mt. Lebanon.....	J. R. Shores, Vilas, N. C.	
Oak Grove.....	E. C. Hodges, Adams, N. C.	
Proffits Grove.....	L. A. Wilson, Boone, N. C.	
South Fork.....	J. M. Griggs, Todd, N. C.	
Stony Fork.....	Melvin Michael, Stony Fork, N. C.	
Stony Fork.....	T. S. Robbins, Stony Fork, N. C.	
Stony Fork.....	H. H. Smith, Stony Fork, N. C.	
Stony Fork.....	Calvin Carlton, Stony Fork, N. C.	
Three Forks.....	Raymond Hendrix, Boone, N. C.	
Union.....	J. R. Trivett, Mabel, N. C.	
Willowdale.....	A. J. Greene, Vilas, N. C.	
Zionville.....	R. C. Eggers, Zionville N. C.	

ROLL OF MESSENGERS

- ANTIOCH—J. O. Ward, Dillard Greene.
BETHEL—J. E. Farthing, C. J. Farthing, D. F. Greene.
BEAVER DAM—Lee Swift, George Robinson.
BETHANY—H. M. Edmisten, W. C. Smith, Edd Yates.
BLOWING ROCK—Wade Brown, Mrs. D. P. Coffey.
BOONE—W. D. Farthing, Smith Hagaman, J. K. Williams, Clyde R. Greene and G. P. Hagaman.
BROOKSIDE—Lee P. Greene, Orville Greene, Everett Coffey.
BRUSHY FORK—D. S. Love, Asa Greene, Andy Greer.
COOL SPRING—Q. B. Cannon, Bert Greene, Kenneth Payne.
COVE CREEK—Dean Swift, S. F. Horton, Mrs. Nora Wilson.
ELK KNOB—Frank Mann, Howard Shelton, Noah Johnson.
FALL CREEK—T. B. Gryder, Narvil Cook.
FOREST GROVE—J. M. Johnson.
GAP CREEK—H. E. Greene, A. G. Miller, G. W. Church.
HOWARDS CREEK—Gurney Norris, J. E. Norris, Grady Brown.
LAUREL SPRING—W. H. Wagner, Lee Greene, W. M. Day.
MEAT CAMP—D. L. Greene, Grady Wilson, Avery Greene.
MIDDLE FORK—G. F. Edmisten, Paul Hodges.
MT. CALVARY—Homer Shomaker, Richard Smith.
MT. LEBANON—I. M. Minton, T. T. Danner, S. B. Hayes.
MT. GILLEAD—Harry Farthing, O. H. Trivett, Smith Eggers.
OAK GROVE—Bern Hodges, Lionel Ward, John Greene.
PLEASANT GROVE—Roy Eggers, R. M. Greene.
PROFFITS GROVE—Joe Miller, W. A. Proffit, L. E. Wilson.
POPLAR GROVE—Geo. Mains, Mrs. Essie Winkler, T. C. Hodges.
RICH MOUNTAIN—D. C. Penley, Baxtor Culler, J. M. Cornell.
SHULLS MILLS—G. W. Robbins, C. M. Shore, J. B. Reed.
SOUTH FORK—J. S. Brown, Will H. McGuire, Ralph T. White.
STONY FORK—R. L. Wagner, H. H. Smith, W. H. Miller.
THREE FORKS—W. H. Hayes, A. J. Edminsten, I. T. Barnett.
TIMBERED RIDGE—J. L. McGuire, J. Y. Smitherman, E. B. Hagaman.
UNION—Graydon Campbell, Emma Campbell, Stanley Norris.
WILLOWDALE—I. A. Bumgarner, Shelton Dugger, Blanche Reese.
ZIONVILLE—Mrs. R. C. Eggers, A. N. Brown, J. S. Thomas, Lloyd Eller, J. M. Wilson.
ZION HILL—Ronald Ward, Marshall Ward, M. A. Ward, Gradon Hagaman.

Proceedings

Todd, N. C.,
August 29, 1933.

Three Forks Association met this day in its Ninety-Third Annual Session with South Fork Baptist Church in the one hundredth year of the Church.

"Amazing Grace" was led by T. C. Hodges.

W. D. Ashley, who was appointed by the last session of the Association to preach the Annual Sermon read from the first to eleventh verses of the second chapter of Revelation.

W. Swift led in prayer. "Standing on the Promises" was sung.

Brother Ashley announced as his text the second chapter of Revelation and the seventh verse: "He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches."

Subject: What is Being Said About the Churches?

1. What is the membership saying about the Church?
2. Our interest determines how we hear.
3. What did the Spirit say to the Churches?
4. How may the ministry of today bring a stumbling block in the way of the Church?

After the sermon L. A. Wilson led in prayer. "There is a fountain" was sung.

There being no Moderator, the Clerk called the body to order.

W. D. Farthing was elected Moderator by a standing vote.

(Brother Farthing in assuming the duties of Moderator expressed his feelings of unworthiness to fill the place, asked Smith Hagaman to lead a prayer for the leadership of the Holy Spirit during the present session.

P. A. Hicks presented a gavel to the Moderator made

from a piece of wood cut from the ground of old Three Forks Church.

W. Y. Perry was elected Clerk.

A. J. Greene read the order of business. Report amended and adopted.

The Pastor of this Church with A. J. Greene and P. A. Hicks were appointed Committee to arrange program for Centennial celebration of South Fork Church.

The following visitors announced themselves: Representing Biblical Recorder, B. K. Mason; representing Baptist Hospital, G. T. Lumpkin; representing Mills Home, I. G. Greer; representing Dry Forces of N. C., C. A. Upchurch; from Caldwell Association, T. L. Blalock, a returned missionary from China; from Ashe County Association, C. W. Sexton; Stoney Fork Association, G. M. Watson.

The report on Religious Literature was read by Smith Hagaman who led the discussion followed by B. K. Mason. Report adopted.

The report on Temperance was read by B. K. Cook, who discussed the same. C. A. Upchurch continued the discussion. Report adopted. A collection was taken for the support of the cause of temperance amounting of \$9.17 which was turned over to C. A. Upchurch.

Eugene Olive, Pastor of the Baptist Church at North Wilkesboro, was recognized as the representative of the cause of missions.

The Committee on Obituaries not being ready to report, a motion prevailed that they be allowed to present a report for insertion in the Minutes.

J. A. Williams read the report on Missions.

On motion adjourned one hour for dinner.

Benediction by L. A. Wilson.

AFTERNOON SESSION

"Am I a Soldier of the Cross" was led by Eugene Olive. Prayer by P. A. Hicks. R. C. Eggers read Psalm 91, then led in prayer.

The Moderator requested the body to sing "Nearer My God to Thee."

J. A. Williams was recognized to discuss the pending question, Missions, followed by Eugene Olive and T. L. Blalock. Report adopted.

An application for membership was received from Brookside, a newly constituted Church.

A Committee consisting of P. A. Hicks, L. A. Wilson and W. D. Ashley, to examine their Articles of Faith and report to this body.

R. C. Eggers read the report on Benevolences. G. T. Lumpkin discussed the report from the standpoint of the Baptist Hospital, I. G. Greer from the Orphanage. S. C. Eggers spoke concerning the canning being done by the different churches for the Mills Home. Report adopted.

The Committee to examine the Articles of Faith of Brookside Church reported favorably.

On motion, the Church was received into the fellowship of this body.

The Committee on Hospitality for South Fork reported.

On motion adjourned closing prayer by H. M. Winkler after the singing of "Am I a Soldier of the Cross" while the messengers gave the hand of welcome to the messengers from Brookside Church.

SECOND DAY, MORNING SESSION

Devotional exercise was begun by singing "How Firm a Foundation. J. A. McKaughan read from the 12th chapter of Romans. Roy Dotson led in prayer. "Amazing Grace" was sung.

The association proceeded to business, the Moderator in the Chair.

The report on Religious Training was read and adopted after being discussed by S. C. Eggers, Smith Hagaman and P. A. Hicks.

The Moderator appointed as a Promotion Committee Roy Dotson, S. F. Horton and Wade Norris with the leaders of the young people, S. C. Eggers, Mrs. Nora Mast Wilson, Mrs. D. P. Coffey and Mrs. J. L. Qualls.

The Clerk read the report of the Executive Committee. Report adopted after referring the first item to the Promotion Committee for action.

At the request of the Moderator, "What a Friend" was sung.

The celebration of the 100th anniversary of South Fork Church was now made the order of the day.

Will H. McGuire, the Clerk read a short history of the Church. L. A. Watson, a former pastor, spoke of his experiences with the Church as pastor. Sherman Brown, a member and deacon spoke of his recollections 50 years ago. H. M. Winkler, the present pastor, spoke of his experiences as pastor for the past six years.

A motion prevailed that the historical data be printed in the Minutes.

Wade Brown read and discussed the report on Associational Progress. The report was further discussed by J. K. McKaughan and L. A. Wilson, who said his experiences began with the session of 1885. Report adopted.

On motion adjourned one hour for dinner. Roy Dotson led in singing "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross." Closing prayer by R. C. Eggers.

SECOND DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-assembled at 1 o'clock. "Walking

in the Light" was sung. L. A. Wilson read 85th division of Psalms.

Roll of Messengers was called and absentees erased.

Smith Hagaman was now recognized to say some things about the history of the Association with the celebration of the 100th anniversary of South Fork Church

The report on Woman's Work was read and discussed by Mrs. D. P. Coffey, followed by Mrs. J. L. Qualls. Report adopted.

G. W. Robbins read the report on Resolutions. Report adopted

The report on Time, Place and Preacher was read by S. C. Eggers. Report adopted.

The Clerk read the report on Nominations. Report adopted.

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Report on Finance was adopted after being read by I. A. Bumgarner.

The treasurer read his report. Report adopted.

A motion carried combining the offices of Clerk and Treasurer and that the Clerk permanently supervise the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

A motion prevailed that the Moderator and Clerk make out an Order of Business for next session and have it printed in the Minutes providing for a sermon on second day.

The Committee appointed by last session of this body to confer with Elk Knob Church with reference to a question of alien immersion reported that they conferred with the Church and that the Church adjusted the matter scripturally.

L. A. Wilson conducted the closing exercises by reading some scriptures and leading in prayer.

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds" was sung while the messengers gave to each other the parting hand. Thus closed the Ninety-Third Session of Three Forks Association.

W. D. FARTHING,

W. Y. PERRY, Clerk.

Moderator.

REPORTS

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Received for Minute Fund	\$ 54.53
Paid to Treasurer	54.53

I. A. BUMGARNER,
WILLIE COOK,
Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Association	\$ 57.27
Received from W. M. U.	6.00
Received from W. F. Sherwood and friends of J. J. L. Sherwood	4.46
Received from J. C. Jones	4.46
Balance in Treasury last year	24

Total	\$ 72.43
Due for printing Minutes	73.52
Due for mailing	2.00

\$ 75.52
72.43

Balance due Treasurer	3.09
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W. Y. PERRY, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

The Association will meet with Beaver Dam Church on Tuesday and Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in August, 1934.

A. J. Greene to preach the Annual Sermon. Roy Dotson Alternate.

WILL H. McGUIRE,
I. A. BUMGARNER,
S. C. EGGERS,
Committee.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

At the close of the twentieth year of the Woman's Missionary Union in Three Forks Association, we make our report with very

humble hearts, realizing that we have not done all that we should have.

Owing to the depression and the greater demands at home our contributions to missions and benevolences have fallen off, yet when we take into consideration the personal service work done by the societies we are made to feel that we have accomplished something during the past year. One society sent a little girl to our Baptist Hospital, another helped to pay off Church debt, others have furnished food and clothing to people in need and all the many ways a live and wide-awake society can help in Kingdom work. Our women, too, have furnished jars of fruits and vegetables for our Orphanages.

Our Annual Meeting was held with Boone Baptist Church, June 21, 1933. A large delegation was present and every woman went back home resolved to "launch out" in the Master's cause.

We now have thirteen young people's organizations and eleven W. M. U.s, five new organizations in the past year.

We contributed to missions last year \$553.78.

Your Committee recommends that the pastors especially use their influence and try to lead the women of their churches to organize themselves into Woman's Missionary Societies.

We urge our pastors and laymen to attend the Quarterly and Annual Meetings of the Woman's Missionary Union.

Respectfully submitted,

HATTIE S. JOHNSON.

Mrs. D. F. COFFEY,

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS TRAINING

There is nothing connected with our religious work more vital than the religious training of our people, especially our young people.

This work in a large way must be done if done at all by our Sunday School teachers and B. Y. P. U. leaders. These teachers and leaders cannot teach, or lead until they have first been taught and led.

We would like to suggest and recommend that this Association adopt some definite means of teaching and training our people religiously. This could be best done perhaps by the naming of a special promotion committee composed of leaders in Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work who are known to be interested.

The Daily Vacation Bible School and the Sunday School revival have already done much good in religious training.

We cannot depend upon our State schools and colleges—as good

as they are—to impart to our people the religious training they need.

Our denominational schools and colleges are doing much good in religious training, and one of our great needs is more of our people to attend them.

Statistics show that: Seven of the nine U. S. Supreme Court Judges were trained in church schools; out of twenty-six of the world's most recognized writers, seventeen were trained in church schools and colleges; about two-thirds of the Congressmen of the U. S. have had religious training; and twenty out of thirty Presidents of the U. S. were trained in religious schools and colleges.

In one hundred and forty years we only had twenty-eight Baptist preachers from State schools, while in less than half that time our religious schools turned out more than thirty-two hundred.

If we would only seize upon the opportunity our Christian schools and colleges offer and place our boys and girls in them we would go a long way toward the goal of religious training among our people.

Respectfully submitted,

MAUDE GREEN,

S. C. EGGERS,

Committee.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

The world and its civilizations are now at the cross-roads. Certainly in two thousand years the destinies of states and nations and men have not hung in the balance as they do today. In all the whole wide world there is the utmost anxiety and unrest and destitution and depression and oppression. Of course, these conditions have existed in more or less local areas in all the past. Nations have warred against nations and millions of human beings have suffered. Upheavels of every kind have come and gone and have left their influences good or bad as the case might be. Selfishness and hate and greed and sin have wrecked and blighted the finest and best of all human efforts in every age of the world's history. But the Armageddon never came until this generation. Ideals and standards and traditions have never been shattered and torn down as at this time in which we are now living.

Hitherto, thinking people have been able to make some sort of explanation of situations. But now no one can explain. President Wilson said, "We must make the world safe for Democracy" but where is there a spot on the Globe where Democracy has even a chance now. Russia, with its Communism, Italy with its Mussolini, Germany with its Hitler and the United States with its Roosevelt,

all tell us of the impotency of our ideals now. In European and Asiatic countries the going of Democracy has meant the going of Religion too. It remains to be seen what it shall mean to us. Already thousands of churches have no preacher and thousands of preachers have no churches in which to preach, and worse still, thousands of preachers are pastors of practically empty churches on Sundays. Who can explain it? We are not the most needy nation spiritually and morally. No one can say where the most spiritually destitute area of the world is. China has the greatest number of unreached souls. India, with its uncounted millions, comes next. Other sections are equally low in spiritual and moral destitution.

At the gateway of this picture stands the Southern Baptist Church. Its opportunity is its challenge. The story of the Cross and the infinite love of a God who gave His only Son to redeem the world is the one remedy. Of course Southern Baptists have had their jars and jolts that have staggered them to the limit of human endurance. But we must carry on. The Foreign Missionaries who are called back to the home land and are daily praying to be sent back must be sent. The Southern Baptist Convention must send them. Watauga County Baptist must help send them. The work of our home missionaries and state missionaries must go on. We must help. Jesus said so. The Great Commission has never been repealed or modified. The same one who spoke to Peter at the breakfast by the Lake is still saying to us, "If you love me, feed my lambs." Just so long as there is a single human being in all this world who has never heard the sweet story you and I and all Christian people must work and pray and give till Jesus comes again.

J. A. WILLIAMS,

(For the Committee.)

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

The companionship of books, like the companionship of men, has much to do in determining ones course and usefulness in life. The literature we read will soon transform us into its kind—good or bad.

We have now on the market an abundance of three kinds of literature, namely:

First, that class of literature that informs, equips for larger service, inspires and builds character.

A second class of reading matter that has no purpose except to entertain. It has little or no value except its money returns to its authors and publishers. The reading of this class of literature is, to

say the least, a waste of valuable time. This comprises a large percent of our present day reading matter.

We have a third class of literature that is vicious, contaminating, poisoning, damning. It laughs at morals, ridicules religion and leaves its victim without a purpose in life. Much of this is read in secret, your boy, my boy, may be reading it.

Perhaps the need was never greater than now that our preachers, Sunday School teachers and church leaders should inform themselves that they may be able to meet the public on their own plane.

We can't long hold the attention and respect of our present day church membership, unless we, as leaders and teachers, meet the demands of an intelligent reading public.

No pastor or teacher can be a strong and aggressive leader and supporter of his denomination's program who does not keep in constant touch with its activities. This can be done only through the periodicals representing the different phases of its work. The Biblical Recorder, the most important and valuable for North Carolina Baptists,—representing all phases of our denominational activities. Charity and Children, Home and Foreign Fields and Royal Service for their special fields.

We urgently recommend the following plan for securing a wider reading in all our churches, especially for our preachers, teachers and other church leaders:

1st. Let two or more persons, conveniently located, subscribe each for a good religious paper and after reading, exchange them each week.

2nd. Let any number of preachers, teachers and other leaders in any church, buy each a good religious book, and after reading esame, exchange them, say, every week or two weeks. This may be conveniently done at church or Sunday School. In this way one may read any number of valuable books for the cost of only one, therefore becoming an informed and inspired leader.

We owe it to our churches and Sunday Schools to do it.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCES

This report takes into consideration three items: first, the work of caring for our aged and infirm preachers; second, the Baptist Hospital; and third, The Mills Home. We are dividing this report as above in order to keep straight in the discussions.

Caring for our aged and infirm Preachers:

This is a subject that we pass over with too little consideration, it is a subject we should pray more about, read the Bible about, and

inform ourselves about. It is said there are about 90 of these aged preachers in our state. They have given the best part of their noble manhood days to the Lord's work. They could not do this and lay up means for old age, for no man can do two jobs at the same time successfully.

The Board helps these aged ministers as the Churches enable it. They cannot live on the small pittance they are getting now. It has been our custom to take an offering for them on or about Christmas, therefore we urge every church to take an offering this year for this worthy object, and thus bring upon us the smiles of him who said "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Baptist Hospital:

For ten years the Baptist Hospital has stood like a great life-saving station for the sick of our denomination, answering every call and nursing back to health thousands of those who suffered and had no means. \$250,000.00 has been spent for charity and over 10,000 helped. The Hospital has met the needs in a marvelous way. No one who needed its care has been turned away.

The financial condition all over the state has thrown heavy burdens on the Hospital, and it is utterly impossible for it to meet the demands and pay its bills. They have not let our people go home to die without hospital care and as a result have been compelled to go into debt. The multiplied appeals come from every quarter, the Hospital is their refuge from disease and death, they have no money. The Hospital must take them, but can it continue to do so with decreasing revenue? Less than \$11,000 was received from Mother's Day to do \$50,000 worth of charity, and to save 2,000 needy sufferers.. The Hospital is urging the churches to co-operate more by sending \$1.50 per day to help bear expenses on charity patients. If this is not done they will have to say no to the sick, or go into bankruptcy, and they must not do either of these, so we urge every Baptist to help them carry the load, send your pay patients as well as your charity, and remember that they believe in prayer and solicit our prayers.

The Mills Home:

On November 11th, 1885, the first child was received, the last one enrolled not including mothers' aid, July 24th, 1933. There are at present in 21 cottages, 633. Of these 134 are in the Kennedy Home, For 13 years Mothers' Aid has been in operation. The Orphanage is now aiding in their own homes 215 children, with 55 mothers. These added to the number now present in the orphanage, makes 848 children in the care of North Carolina Baptists. Almost from the beginning the chief support has come from the once a month collections

from the Sunday Schools. Out of more than 2,374 Sunday Schools less than 600 contribute at all regularly. If every Sunday School would take the once a month collection it would solve the financial problems. Your Committee most earnestly urges every pastor and Sunday School superintendent to see to it that the once a month collection is taken and sent in, no matter how small. Let us also urge that every Baptist in the Association give the worth of one day's conditions. This ought to be the aim of our Association. wages to the Mills Home the coming Thanksgiving.

Let us also remember the Home with our produce, such as cabbage and potatoes. The Mills Home has furnished us with more than one thousand dozen half-gallon fruit jars, which we are glad to report are now being filled by the churches of this Association.

R. C. EGGERS,
E. C. HODGES,

Committee.

ASSOCIATIONAL PROGRESS

Our Association has passed through many seasons of trials and struggles, but possibly there has never been a time when there are so many and radical changes taking place on every hand, in the business world, with the working class, and with our class of people, as at the present time. In the past our Association has achieved noble results, it has done a great work for which we can justly feel proud. At this time the Watchword of the Nation, as never before in the history of any nation, is Co-operation, and many of the people are doing their best to lead the Nation and the World back to normal

Whether or not they succeed remains to be seen and no one knows. Your committee feels that as important as the past may have been that it is now as never before a time for our Association to look and plan for the future. These rapid changes that are taking place are causing conditions that we know not how to deal with and they are of Supreme importance to every Christian.

Progress of our Association means nothing more nor less than for the ultimate result to win, in the various ways, both by direct and indirect means the lost Souls to God and His Kingdom. May we be diligent to discern God's will out of the way that leads to destruction and stick strictly to the fundamental teachings of His great word and not be deceived into going after methods that may seem good but which cannot meet the ultimate result of making the world a better place and fails in the end to lead those in darkness to the true

Light. That is our united purpose, if we can achieve that we are making progress, if not we are going backward.

WADE E. BROWN,
DEAN SWIFT,
Committee.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Temperance for the last few years has been defined mostly in its relation to the liquor question.

Prohibition came to us by local option (originating in the mountains of Western North Carolina) by State laws and by the enactment of the Eighteenth Amendment, through a half century's effort on the part of the Christian people of our State. Through the organized efforts of brewers, distillers, moon-shiners, bootleggers, tax-dodgers and a few multi-millionaires, we are about to witness its destruction. God forbid!

Has prohibition been a failure? No! a thousand times.

Figures taken from United States census reports and court records show that drinking and drunkenness have decreased 75 per cent, insanity 66 per cent, and crime in general caused by alcohol 54 per cent.

Which side of the **Great Question** are we on? The one that will wreck and ruin our homes, our manhood, our womanhood and eventually our Nation? We cannot deny that repeal means the return of the saloon and with it world destruction.

May we, the members of the Churches of Three Forks Baptist Association, use discretion when the question of repealing the Eighteenth Amendment comes up for our decision.

Respectfully submitted,
B. F. COOK,
Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

To the Association—Greeting:

The Executive Committee has met three times and discussed the work committed to its care.

With a committee it made an effort to unite Blowing Rock and Linville in a field, but failed.

At Bushy Fork Church, in May, one inspirational was held with Manager Greer and four young ladies from the Mills Home taking part.

The work of Brother S. C. Eggers relative to the canning project and his visits to the Sunday Schools has our endorsement.

We recommend:

1. That one or more Bible Schools be held in the Association during the coming year for the inspiration of pastors and workers and that the details be put into the hands of a committee.

2. That the Moderator visit the churches in the Association during the coming year.

3. That the Every Member Canvass is a practical method for securing support in finances, in attendance, and in all other activities. Your Committee suggests that each church do this in her own way.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

TENTATIVE LIST OF NOMINATIONS

Religious Literature—A. J. Greene, I. A. Bumgarner.

Missions—Roy Dotson, J. T. C. Wright.

Associational Progress—R. C. Eggers, Tipton Greene.

Religious Training—Wade Brown, W. C. Greene.

Benevolence—J. A. McKaughn, L. A. Wilson.

Temperance—P. A. Hicks, W. C. Payne.

Woman's Work—Mrs. J. L. Qualls, Mrs. Shomaker.

Resolutions—D. C. Mast, Z. T. Watson.

Nominations—(Moderator to appoint.)

Order of Business—Executive Committee.

Time, Place, Preacher—G. W. Robbins, M. J. Williams, J. H. Greene.

Finance—J. C. Hodges, C. J. Farthing.

Obituaries—A. J. Greene, L. A. Greene.

Sunday School Director—S. C. Eggers.

B. Y. P. U. Director—Mrs. James B. Mast.

Director Mills Home—Clyde R. Greene.

Hospital Director—S. F. Horton.

Delegates to State Convention—J. A. Williams, I. A. Bumgarner.

Executive Committee—Herman R. Eggers, Chairman; A. J. Greene, Fred Cook, E. C. Hodges, S. Hagaman, R. C. Eggers, Thos. C. Hodges, Lee Swift, A. J. Emisten, G. P. Hagaman, Moderator and Clerk.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF SOUTH FORK BAPTIST CHURCH

South Fork is the third oldest Church in the Three Fork Associ-

ation, being constituted in February, 1833, with eight members, presumably coming from Three Forks Church, the first Baptist Church established west of the Blue Ridges, and from Old Fields Church, the second.

The charter members were: Frederick Mikeal, Nathaniel Church, Philip Church, Jesse Greer, Sr., Jesse Greer, Jr., Fanny McGuire, Polly Greer and Polly Mikral.

The Presbytery which organized the church was composed of three ministers, Richard Jacks, J. C. McBride and Wm. B. Swansan.

During the first year Mr. Swansan preached for the church, but was not called the pastor.

At first the church had no house of worship but met at private residences and at a small log school house. A log house was soon built on the present church lot, but had no arrangements for heating and on cold days a fire was built near the church house to which the people would retire and warm, then return to their duties in the house.

In the early seventies a frame house was constructed which served till 1900 when the present house of worship was built.

The church united with the Mountain Association which embraced the present counties of Burke, Caldwell, Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany, and a part of Virginia and Tennessee, from which the Three Forks Association was organized in 1841.

In the records of the church there is a reference to sending a delegation to a convention held at Three Forks Church in November 1841 to help organize the Three Forks Association of which Association the church has ever since been a member. The delegates sent to this convntion were Soloman Younce, Isham Calloway and Elder Isaiah Wilcox.

Since the church was organized it has ordained three ministers: Wm. Wilcox and Levi Wilson the second Sunday in June 1853, Elders Joseph Harrison and John Vannoy, Presbytery, and John T. Stevens in 1891, Asa Brown and J. C. Johnson, Presbytery.

In the early years of the church it seems that it had no regular pastor, but depended upon transient ministers for preaching, electing a Moderator at each conference. The first reference to calling a pastor was in April 1855 when Rev. Joseph Harrison was called to the pastorate, and in those days they did not call a pastor as they do now, but the church chose some preacher and petitioned the church of which he was a member for its consent for him to serve the church as pastor.

In 1861 Rev. Wm. Wilcox was elected pastor, and since then the

church has had the following pastors: W. M. Baldwin, E. F. Jones, I. W. Thomas, J. C. Johnson, H. A. Blankenship, David Green, T. M. Duncan, J. J. L. Sherwood, L. A. Wilson, C. S. Farthing, J. M. Payne, M. A. Adams, A. J. Greene, T. F. Roberts, T. G. Nanney, S. C. Blackburn, J. A. Brendle, Levi Greene, and H. M. Winkler.

Since the church was constituted it has had 10 clerks as follows: Nathaniel Church for 5 months; Isham Calloway, 18 years; Solomon Younce, 1 month; Wiley Church, 11 years; L. W. Church, 5 years; D. E. Laurence, 2 years; J. S. Stanburry, 29 years; I. E. Duncan, 10 years; Z. T. Watson, 9 months and Will H. McGuire for the last 23 years.

CLERK OF SOUTH FORK CHURCH.

RESOLUTIONS

Perhaps never in the history of our country have we needed consecrated men and women to rally to the carrying on of our Lord's work and His great commission, left to us, to go ye into all the world, preaching and teaching in the name of Jesus Christ.

The cause is suffering for the sake of concerted and intense earnestness and anxiety for the full co-operation of all our people. Our denomination is made to suffer at the hands of all who are standing back quibbling over the things of small importance compared with the salvation of the lost in the world. Our opportunity is our responsibility, every one has his post, the little things provided we do our best.. Half-hearted indifferent efforts are not sufficient. God will hold us responsible for the sin of omission as well as commission.

Therefore, be it resolved: that the attendants at this association return to their respective churches with new and renewed interest in the cause of the Master and to pledge ourselves to do all we can for this work; also pledge ourselves to the full co-operation with the organized work of our denomination, putting first ourselves into the work wholeheartedly and giving of our means liberally to the support of all our objectives. Let us keep in our mind and hearts at all times the one outstanding and ultimate end, the salvation of the lost and carrying the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the world.

Resolved further: that this association give its vote of thanks to the South Fork Church for the fine hospitality shown the Association at this session.

Resolved third: that the Association extend sincere thanks to the associational officers for their efficient services for the past year.

G. W. ROBBINS,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM

Members

Mrs. Willie Lee Triplett.	Mrs. Clara Harmon.
Mr. Clint Coffey.	Mrs. Martha Most.
Mr. E. J. Norris, Deacon.	Mrs. Annett Miller.
Mrs. Sallie Rogan, Deaconess.	Mrs. Martha Vannoy.
Mr. Bill Parker.	Mr. Alfred Watson.
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Minutes Woman's Missionary Union

THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION Twentieth Annual Session

Boone, N. C., June 21, 1933.

The Woman's Missionary Union of Three Forks Association met in their Twentieth Annual Session with Boone Baptist Church, June 21.

The address of welcome was made by Mrs. D. D. Dougherty of Boone and Mrs. I. A. Greene of Sherwood responded to this address.

The W. M. U. watchword for the year and the theme for the day was "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets."

The following numbers were given:

In Personal Service—Mrs. Smith Hagaman.

In Stewardship—Mrs. D. F. Horton.

In Mission Study—Mrs. J. D. Brown.

In Enlistment—Mrs. J. L. Qualls.

Launch Out Into the Deep In Literature—Mrs. Herman Eggers.

Library—Mrs. W. C. Greer.

This was followed by an offering for Library.

The roll was called and the following Societies reported.

Boone—Mrs. J. J. Coffey.

Blowing Rock—Mrs. J. D. Brown.

Cove Creek—Mrs. D. F. Horton.

Blanche Barrus—Miss Thelma Perry.

Willow Dale—Miss Mattie Lou Harmon.

Mout Calvary—Miss Shomaker.

Stony Fork—Mrs. Storie.

The Superintendent appointed the following committees:

Nominations—Mrs. D. F. Horton, Mrs. D. D. Dougherty, Mrs. Storie, Mrs. J. D. Brown, Mrs. Hattie Johnson.

Recommendations—Miss Carolyn Weaver, Mrs. R. M. Greene.

Resolutions—Mrs. J. M. Hodges, Mrs. Enoch Swift.

Literature—Mrs. Russal Hodges, Miss Thelma Perry.

Special Music by Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Tunnell.

Visitors were then recognized.

Mrs. Emma Beachman, Field Worker for Home Mission Board,

gave an address. After prayer by Prof. J. A. Williams the meeting adjourned for the noon hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Rev. J. A. McKaughan conducted the devotional.

A talk, Launch Out Into the Deep, was given by Mrs. Douglas Redman.

Mrs. Nora M. Wilson, Young People's Leader, then took charge of the meeting. The following young people's organizations reported:

Boone—Senior Y. W. A., Miss P. A. Hicks.

Boone—Junior Y. W. A., Mrs. Hill Hagaman.

Cove Creek—Y. W. A., Miss Margaret Adams.

Cove Creek—Intermediate G. A., Miss Hassie Harmon.

Cove—Junior G. A., Mrs. Wilson.

Cove Creek—Sunbeams, Miss Louise Johnson.

Mount Calvary—Junior R. A., Mrs. Ed Gaultney.

Mount Calvary—Sunbeams, Miss Eva Chappell.

Stony Fork—Sunbeams, Mrs. Grace Welborne.

The theme of the program for the afternoon was "What Christ Has Done For Me."

Bible Thoughts: Christ—By Cove Creek Jr. G. A.

Solo: Jesus Loves Me—Jaunita Gragg.

Talks: How I Found Jesus As My Saviour—Hassie Harmon and Margaret Adams.

Song: Since Jesus Came Into My Heart—By children of Cove Creek organizations.

Story: Why Adelada Gave Away Her Family Idol—Odena Miller.

Pantomime: O Zion Haste—By Boone Senior Y. W. A.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted:

Superintendent—Mrs. J. L. Qualls.

Assistant Superintendent—Mrs. Herman Eggers.

Secretary—Mrs. Hattie S. Johnson.

Young People's Leader—Mrs. Nora M. Wilson.

Assistant Young People's Leader—Mrs. Kent Brown.

Personal Service Chairman—Mrs. Smith Hagaman.

Stewardship Chairman—Mrs. D. F. Horton.

Assistant Stewardship Chairman—Mrs. Mattie Lou Harmon.

Mission Study Chairman—Mrs. J. D. Brown.

The report on Recommendations was read and adopted.

REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS

Believing that the unusual responsibilities and demands of the work at home, and the increasing and enlarged opportunities on our foreign fields challenge us to an increased faith and larger vision, we would recommend:

1st. Consecration. That we consecrate ourselves with renewed devotion to the service of the Master, that as individuals and societies that we pray more earnestly that God will bless our efforts in the carrying on of His Kingdom both at home and on the foreign fields. That we give ourselves more to the study of the Bible and mission work and show by our lives that the Spirit of Christ dwelleth in us. That each society will make definite and continuous prayer for a spiritual revival in all our churches.

2nd. That each member in every society strive to enlist all women in her church to become actively interested in mission work.

3rd. That each society strive to impress upon each member, that all we have comes from God, that he has a right to part of all we have, time, talents and money, that we are his stewards and each should give as she is able, to carry on God's work.

Respectfully submitted,
CAROLYNE WEAVER,
Mrs. R. M. GREENE.

The report on Resolutions was read and adopted.

The Time and Place Committee selected Blowing Rock Baptist Church as the meeting place, the time to be decided by the Executive Committee. This report was adopted.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Mrs. J. L. QUALLS, Supt.,
Mrs. HATTIE S. JOHNSON, Sec.

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3 Beaver Dam.....	E. C. Hodges, Adams, N. C.....	Dean Reese, Ruse, N. C.....	Dean Reese, Ruse, N. C.....	Dean Reese, Ruse, N. C.....
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6 Boone.....	P. A. Hicks, Boone, N. C.....	W. D. Farthing, Boone, N. C.....	W. D. Farthing, Boone, N. C.....	W. D. Farthing, Boone, N. C.....
7 Brookside.....	L. N. Keeler, Garren, N. C.....	Lee P. Greer, Finley, N. C.....	Lee P. Greer, Finley, N. C.....	Lee P. Greer, Finley, N. C.....
8 Brushy Fork.....	W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rock, N. C.....	G. W. Rowe, Valle Crucis, N. C.....	G. W. Rowe, Valle Crucis, N. C.....	G. W. Rowe, Valle Crucis, N. C.....
9 Cool Spring.....	E. C. Hodges, Adams, N. C.....	A. M. Triplett, Boone, N. C.....	A. M. Triplett, Boone, N. C.....	A. M. Triplett, Boone, N. C.....
10 Cove Creek.....	J. A. McKaughan, Sherwood, N. C.....	W. F. Sherwood, Sherwood, N. C.....	W. F. Sherwood, Sherwood, N. C.....	W. F. Sherwood, Sherwood, N. C.....
11 Elk Knob.....	M. D. Blackburn, W. Jefferson, N. C.....	J. M. Brown, Meat Camp, N. C.....	J. M. Brown, Meat Camp, N. C.....	J. M. Brown, Meat Camp, N. C.....
12 Fall Creek.....	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock, N. C.....	James Norris, Heaton, N. C.....	James Norris, Heaton, N. C.....	James Norris, Heaton, N. C.....
13 Forest Grove.....	E. J. Farthing, Sugar Grove, N. C.....	Spencer Warren, Vilas, N. C.....	Spencer Warren, Vilas, N. C.....	Spencer Warren, Vilas, N. C.....
14 Gap Creek.....	E. C. Hodges, Adams, N. C.....	Miss Lucy Greene, Deep Gap, N. C.....	Miss Lucy Greene, Deep Gap, N. C.....	Miss Lucy Greene, Deep Gap, N. C.....
15 Howard's Creek.....	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock, N. C.....	D. L. Setzer, Boone, N. C.....	D. L. Setzer, Boone, N. C.....	D. L. Setzer, Boone, N. C.....
16 Laurel Spring.....	H. M. Winkler, Todd, N. C.....	Mrs. Pansy Watson, Laxon, N. C.....	Mrs. Pansy Watson, Laxon, N. C.....	Mrs. Pansy Watson, Laxon, N. C.....
17 Meat Camp.....	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock, N. C.....	D. L. Greene, Zionville, N. C.....	D. L. Greene, Zionville, N. C.....	D. L. Greene, Zionville, N. C.....
18 Middle Fork.....	R. H. Shore, Blowing Rock, N. C.....	G. F. Edmisten, Blowing Rock, N. C.....	G. F. Edmisten, Blowing Rock, N. C.....	G. F. Edmisten, Blowing Rock, N. C.....
19 Mt. Calvary.....	F. C. Watts, Purlear, N. C.....	Ura Hodges, Banner's Elk, N. C.....	Ura Hodges, Banner's Elk, N. C.....	Ura Hodges, Banner's Elk, N. C.....
20 Mt. Lebanon.....	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock, N. C.....	S. B. Hayes, Vilas, N. C.....	S. B. Hayes, Vilas, N. C.....	S. B. Hayes, Vilas, N. C.....
21 Three Forks.....	E. J. Farthing, Sugar Grove, N. C.....	Clyde Buntton, Bush Creek, N. C.....	Clyde Buntton, Bush Creek, N. C.....	Clyde Buntton, Bush Creek, N. C.....
22 Mt. Gillead.....	F. C. Watts, Purlear, N. C.....	Cleve Gross, Boone, N. C.....	Cleve Gross, Boone, N. C.....	Cleve Gross, Boone, N. C.....
23 Oak Grove.....	G. W. Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.....	Roy Eggers, Zionville, N. C.....	Roy Eggers, Zionville, N. C.....	Roy Eggers, Zionville, N. C.....
24 Pleasant Grove.....	R. C. Eggers, Zionville, N. C.....	Miss Ella Austin, Shulls Mills, N. C.....	Miss Ella Austin, Shulls Mills, N. C.....	Miss Ella Austin, Shulls Mills, N. C.....
25 Poplar Grove.....	L. A. Wilson, Boone, N. C.....	J. A. Wnebarger, Meat Camp, N. C.....	J. A. Wnebarger, Meat Camp, N. C.....	J. A. Wnebarger, Meat Camp, N. C.....
26 Proffitts Grove.....	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock, N. C.....	No Statistics given.....	No Statistics given.....	No Statistics given.....
27 Rich Mountain.....	R. H. Shore, Blowing Rock, N. C.....	G. W. Robbins, Shulls Mills, N. C.....	G. W. Robbins, Shulls Mills, N. C.....	G. W. Robbins, Shulls Mills, N. C.....
28 Shulls Mills.....	H. M. Winkler, Todd, N. C.....	C. R. Michael, Todd, N. C.....	C. R. Michael, Todd, N. C.....	C. R. Michael, Todd, N. C.....
29 South Fork.....	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock, N. C.....	B. F. Cook, Stoney Fork, N. C.....	B. F. Cook, Stoney Fork, N. C.....	B. F. Cook, Stoney Fork, N. C.....
30 Stony Fork.....	W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rock, N. C.....	I. T. Barnett, Boone, N. C.....	I. T. Barnett, Boone, N. C.....	I. T. Barnett, Boone, N. C.....
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32 Union.....	E. C. Hodges, Adams, N. C.....	M. L. Warren, Mabel, N. C.....	M. L. Warren, Mabel, N. C.....	M. L. Warren, Mabel, N. C.....
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34 Zionville.....	W. D. Ashtley, Blowing Rock, N. C.....	I. W. H. Reese, Zionville, N. C.....	I. W. H. Reese, Zionville, N. C.....	I. W. H. Reese, Zionville, N. C.....
35 Zion Hill.....	Tipton Greene, Boone, N. C.....	Ronald Ward, Valle Crucis, N. C.....	Ronald Ward, Valle Crucis, N. C.....	Ronald Ward, Valle Crucis, N. C.....

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12	Fall Creek.....	L. L. Story, Heaton, N. C.....	Thos. Fairchild, Deep Gap, N. C.....
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23	Pleasant Grove.....	Roy Eggers, Zionville, N. C.....	D. L. Wellborn, Stony Fork, N. C.....
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27	Shulls Mills.....	J. M. Day, Shulls Mills, N. C.....	Fred Castle, Zionville, N. C.....
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29	Stony Fork.....	Russell Wellborn, Deep Gap, N. C.....	
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TEMPERANCE—Clyde Greene, Wade Brown.

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RESOLUTIONS—L. A. Wilson, M. J. Williams.

NOMINATIONS—Moderator to appoint.

ORDER OF BUSINESS—Executive Committee.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER—T. C. Hodges, Russell Wel-
born, E. D. Hardin.

FINANCE—Moderator to appoint.

OBITUARIES—J. A. Williams, L. E. Wilson.

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A. J. Edminsten.

PROMOTION COMMITTEE—S. C. Eggers, S. F. Horton, Mrs.
D. P. Coffey.

PROCEEDINGS

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Tuesday Morning

- 9:00-10:00—Annual Sermon.
10:00-10:45—Organization and Address of Moderator.
10:45-11:15—Report on Religious Literature.
11:15-12:00—Report on Temperance.

Noon Recess.

- 1:00- 1:15—Devotional.
1:15- 2:30—Missions.
2:30- 3:30—Benevolences.
3:30- 4:00—Obituaries.

Wednesday Morning

- 9:00- 9:30—Devotional.
9:30-10:30—Religious Training.
10:30-11:00—Report of Executive Committee.
11:00-11:30—Associational Progress and Reading of a Short
History of Brushy Fork Church.
11:30-12:15—Sermon.

Noon Recess.

- 1:15- 1:30—Devotional.
1:30- 2:25—Woman's Work.
2:15- 2:40—Nominations.
2:40- 2:55—Resolutions
2:55- 3:10—Time, Place and Preacher.
3:10- 3:20—Report of Finance Committee.
3:20- 3:30—Report of Treasurer.
3:30- 3:45—Miscellaneous.
3:45- 4:00—Closing Program.

The Three Forks Baptist Association met August 28, 1934, in its ninety-fourth annual session with the Beaver Dam Baptist Church.

Opening song, "How Firm a Foundation." Prayer by R. C. Eggers.

Brother A. J. Greene read from the 12th chapter of Romans and announced as his text, "Be Ye Transformed." The theme of his discourse was "The Ideal Character."

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1. What one desires to be.

2. Principles of character: (a) Truth; (b) Purity; (c) Love; (d) Enthusiasm; (e) Patience; (f) Generosity; (g) Sympathy; (h) Humility; (i) Meekness.

After the sermon J. A. McKaughn led in prayer.

The body was called to order by the moderator.

W. D. Farthing was elected moderator, and Dean Swift, clerk.

Order of business was read by A. J. Greene, and adopted.

A Committee on Nominations was appointed by the moderator composed of R. C. Eggers, Clyde Greene and J. A. McKaughn.

J. A. Williams, Frank Edminsten, Clyde Eggers and Clyde R. Greene were appointed to serve with the Finance Committee.

Visitors from other associations were then recognized, Pilot Mountain, Raleigh and Caldwell being represented.

Report on Religious Literature was read and discussed. Report was adopted.

Report on Temperance was read, discussed and adopted.

The morning session was closed by singing "Amazing Grace," and prayer.

The afternoon session opened by singing "In the Sweet By and By," and devotional.

Report on Missions was read, discussed and adopted.

Report on Benevolences was read, discussed and adopted.

Obituaries were read by A. J. Greene. The life of W. Y. Perry was discussed by J. A. McKaughn and W. R. Davis. Report was adopted.

On motion session adjourned by singing "At the Cross" and prayer.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Devotional exercises were begun by singing "Amazing Grace." L. A. Wilson read from second chapter of Philipians and led in prayer.

The roll of churches was called and 20 were represented.

The Association proceeded to business.

Report on Religious Training was read, discussed and adopted.

A. J. Greene read the report of the Executive Committee. The report was discussed and adopted.

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The Nominating Committee was directed by the Association to select three members to serve on the Promotion Committee. Associational progress was discussed.

A brief history of Beaver Dam Church was read by Lee Swift. On motion the history was incorporated in the minutes.

By special order S. C. Eggers spoke on 'Sunday school work in the Association.

G. W. Rowe and Frank Edminsten were appointed on the Committee On Time and Place.

On motion the Association adjourned for one hour by singing "What a Friend," and prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association reassembled at one o'clock. "This Is My Story" was sung. R. C. Eggers read from the 53rd chapter of Isaiah and led in prayer.

The report on Woman's Work was read by Mrs. Susie Horton. The report was discussed and adopted.

Report on Nominations was read and adopted.

J. A. McKaughn read the report on Resolutions. On motion the report was adopted.

The Time and Place Committee reported, and the report was adopted.

S. C. Eggers gave a report on finances.

On motion the clerk was authorized to appeal to the churches for more funds for the minutes.

By motion the clerk was allowed \$20 for his work.

The report of the treasurer was read by the clerk.

Clyde R. Greene read the report on the digest of church letters. Report was adopted.

J. A. McKaughn discussed the opportunity and challenge of the present time.

Minutes were read and adopted.

By request of the moderator L. A. Wilson read from the 103rd Psalm and R. C. Eggers led in prayer.

The closing song was "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood."

W. D. FARTHING, Moderator.

DEAN SWIFT, Clerk.

REPORTS

REPORT ON W. M. U.

Jesus spent a great deal of time while on earth helping his disciples to know God's will for their lives instructing them in the things pertaining to His kingdom. The members of the Woman's Missionary Union are praying and studying to know His will and His purpose in order that they may work according to His plan, and use His means according to His method. Christ can meet the spiritual needs of the world only through the complete stewardship of His people.

During the past year the Woman's Missionary Union of this Association has been active in the different phases of work outlined in the W. M. U. plan of work: Prayer, Enlistment, Study, Personal Service, Stewardship of Possessions and Training of Young People. There are twelve Woman's Missionary Societies and fourteen Young People's Organizations in this Association. Four new ones were added during the past year. These societies contributed to missions and benevolence last year, \$769.19.

The annual meeting was held with Blowing Rock Baptist Church June 14, 1934. The attendance was excellent, society reports good, and much interest was shown. Mrs. Edna R. Harris, our state corresponding secretary gave us a most inspiring and helpful message. Some of our pastors were with us and spoke encouraging words. We hope they will continue to come to our meetings. All pastors are urged to attending our meetings.

We, as associational officers and workers of the Woman's Missionary Union, earnestly request the prayers and support of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. L. QUALLS,

MRS. J. M. SHOMAKER.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN TRAINING

To the Three Forks Baptist Association—Greetings:

The training of an individual begins at the time he is first able to absorb ideas and form habits and continues as long as his mental capacities are active. Scientists tell us that heredity plays a large part in the kind of man or woman we make and it doubtless has its bearing, but it is also an evident fact that our surroundings and training plays a great part in our lives; therefore it is of tremendous importance that we receive the right kind of training

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throughout this period that extends through our earthly existence.

The home is the first training school of a child. It is in the home that the first impressions are stamped on the mind and the first habits are formed by the child, and these habits and these impressions go with a child all its life. It is impossible for a child to get the best principles instilled into its life and the right habits formed in a home that is not Christian, therefore we believe that the fathers and mothers should not be ashamed to use their Bibles frequently and to engage in some form of daily devotion in the home.

Closely following the influence of the home comes the public school period that, we might say roughly, affects the life of a child from the age of five to twenty, during this period they are to a large extent under the influence of our public school teachers. We feel that it is important that the teachers of our schools should be of high character and followers of and believers in the Christian religion. During this period of the individuals life the church surely has a great responsibility as well as an unlimited opportunity. The Sunday Schools and the Baptist Young Peoples' Unions as well as the various other activities of our churches are doing much toward meeting this need. they should be encouraged and helped in order that they might extend their usefulness and influence.

One of the fundamental principles of our government is that the church and state should be separate. We are not willing that any government should tell us when or in what manner we shall engage in the worship of God. therefore our people have felt the need of schools and colleges where our young people could be taught and encouraged and trained according to our own beliefs. To meet this need Wake Forest College was founded one hundred years ago for the purpose primarily of training young men for the ministry and they are filling pulpits from the greatest to the smallest, but its service was extended beyond this and as they begin the second century of their work within a few days from this date it is significant to notice the good they have done and the extent of their reach from the fact that all three of the federal judges of North Carolina received their legal training at Wake Forest College, to say nothing of the numerous governors, superior court judges and others, prominent in high places of responsibility and position. Many of our most skilled and useful doctors, business men, and teachers, almost without number, are exercising the principles and ideals gathered while at this great institution of Christian learning and influence. Our other Baptist schools and colleges, Chowan and Meredith, our two women's colleges, Mars Hill, Campbell, Wingate and Boiling Springs are all going forward with the type of work and influence that will be the foundation of our civilization in years and generations to come. The result and the influence of the lives of those who long since stilled in death will reach and affect the

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lives and hearts of innumerable hosts yet unborn. They will do much toward the preservation of our civilization and we sanction and encourage their work to the extent of our ability.

In conclusion the church itself, God's dedicated and approved institution must always remain the center of, and the guiding principle of our training and it affects, as it should, the lives of the individual throughout his earthly pilgrimage.

Respectfully submitted,

WADE E. BROWN,
W. C. GREENE.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

In the field of Religious Literature the Baptists of the South have made ample preparation to care for our needs. The periodicals and books fostered by our denominational are wholesome. The books recommended by our Sunday School Board, or any of its agencies, are commended to the people. Not all books and periodicals that have a religious title are safe. Many are positively vicious. Our Baptist people should avoid much of the current literature of a secular nature. Really thoughtful people are justly alarmed at what is put in print. Will not our leaders give positive help in combating the evil?

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. GREENE.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCE

Benevolence is the expression of kindness and helpfulness to those of our fellowman and fellow-Christians who are in need of aid.

We have in our Baptist fold three classes which need our benevolent support; and without which they must suffer.

First we have our orphan children, who are helpless to obtain the means to meet their physical, mental and spiritual needs by which to prepare and fit themselves to become useful citizens and an asset to society. Fifty years ago the spirit of benevolence was so dominant in some of our Baptist brethren that a Baptist orphanage was founded, which has grown through the years till we are now caring for more than nine hundred helpless children. It is the largest orphanage in the South; and thus in this institution the spirit of benevolence is demonstrated.

We have in our Relief and Annuity Board an institution which gives financial aid to our aged and worn out ministers and their widows, however this aid is small, yet it keeps the wolf from the door. The last report to the State Convention showed that 57 ministers and 53 widows in North Carolina were receiving financial aid.

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It is a sad fact that our old ministers whose lives were spent in Kingdom service are forgotten in our sympathy and prayers, and neglected in financial aid. Our attitude is nothing less than disobedience to the Lord's command.

In our Baptist Hospital we have a benevolent institution which is rendering a Christ-like service to our needy sick, giving life and health to thousands who had and have no money, and would have suffered on and died had they not been given help in our hospital. We have cared for over ten thousand free and part free patients since the hospital opened ten years ago. The contribution by the Sunday Schools on Mother's Day has made this service possible. Let us remember our sick on Mother's Day and increase our contribution; and thus visit the sick.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. McKAUGHAN,
L. A. WILSON.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL PROGRESS

Whereas the churches of this Association has gone through the trials of another year, we believe from the best information we can get that progress has been made, as far as we are able to learn each church has made special efforts to win the lost, and for most part ingatherings are reported.

We notice from the report of our State Treasurer that some of the churches have picked up a little in their offerings to denominational objects. special efforts have been made in behalf of the Sunday School work which caused the Sunday Schools to make greater progress.

As far as we can observe the B. Y. P. U. work is making fine progress in this Association.

We are sorry to report that our churches are making little or no progress along the line of Church Discipline.

We believe that some of our churches would make greater progress if the pastors serving them, would serve only three or four churches each, and not try to serve six and eight each, which will kill any pastor and starve to death any set of churches.

Your Committee would recommend the following:

1. That we urge our pastors to attend the Pastor's Conferences and Associations and Fifth Sunday meetings more as these greatly strengthen and help.

2. That we urge our pastors to not try to serve more than four or five churches each.

3. That we give more attention to the encouragement of the B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. and the Sunday School work.

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4. We believe that our churches would make greater progress and take on greater life if our pastors and deacons and Sunday School teachers would preach and teach the Bible more on the subject of Christian giving.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. EGGERS.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

North Carolina has expressed herself on the temperance question, a thrill of joy and gladness welled up in the hearts of God's people in North Carolina and throughout our nation, and reverberated around the earth when the results of the election of last November the 7th were recorded. We are proud of our great state, and the courage and patriotism expressed by our people. The eyes of the nation are upon North Carolina. We are in the front rank of leadership in the temperance movement.

We wish to commend the people of this Association and of Watauga county for your activity and service, and for the great victory for moral righteousness that was recorded for our county through your efforts.

We wish to commend the sheriff of our county and those associated with him for the splendid work they have done in enforcing our dry laws. They have been faithful and diligent in their earnest effort to curb the whiskey traffic in our county. Let us back our officers up with our full co-operation in the matter of law enforcement for this is our Christian duty.

We have achieved a great victory, yet there is a great battle before us if we are to hold the ground that we have gained. The whiskey traffic is now in the saddle in the United States. The drink habit is on the increase. We must build a wall of defense around North Carolina, and say to the whiskey traffickers you cannot enter. The federal government promises to give us some protection. In the selection of our state and county officers we must elect men who are temperate themselves, and who stand for the enforcement of our dry laws. We must continue to teach temperance in our Sunday Schools and emphasize afresh the evils of the drink habit.

We must understand that we are dealing with no passing problem but we are dealing with a problem that is linked up with all the passions of mankind. The forces of evil are never overcome. The Bible teaches that Satan is the cause of all the evil in the world, and that he always has people to listen to his urgings. He has his organized forces who are striving to make of no effect the dry laws of North Carolina. For this reason we must continue our battle for the right as long as Satan is loose in the world.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. HICKS.

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

During the year the committee has met three times. At one it endorsed the increased Promotion Committee and agreed to present it to the churches. It also has directed three Fifth Sunday Meetings, one at Oak Grove in January, one at Pleasant Grove in April, and one in each of seventeen churches in July.

The Committee recommends:

1. That the Association hold a Bible school for pastors this year.
2. That the Moderator, or his representative, visit every church during the year.
3. That each church, through its designated representative, make a brief oral report of its activities during the year.
4. That the Lord's acre is a practical plan for financing the work.
5. That the Executive Committee be composed of five members in addition to the Moderator and Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN R. EGGERS, Chairman,
A. J. GREENE, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas Beaver Dam Church has given such open handed and hospitable service in entertaining the Three Forks Association, therefore be it resolved:

That we, the members of the Association and visitors express our appreciation and thanks to Beaver Dam Church for its kind Christian hospitality, and assure them of our prayers for the prosperity of the church.

That we sincerely regret the absence of our dear brother, Rev. Wellington Swift, from the sessions of the Association, and assure him of our love and prayers for the blessings of our heavenly father upon him.

RESOLUTION

Whereas Rev. P. A. Hicks, who has been for about eight years the faithful efficient pastor of Boone Baptist Church, and a wise leader in our Association, and has resigned the pastorate of Boone Church and accepted a call to East Belmont Baptist Church; therefore be it resolved;

That we realize that this Association is losing in the going of Brother Hicks a faithful consecrated and efficient pastor, and leader in the Association, and deeply regret our loss.

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That we assure him of the continuation of our love and prayers for him in his new pastorate, and bespeak for him marked success which has come to him in all his pastorates. And that we heartily commend him to the church of Belmont, and congratulate them on securing such a noble minister of Jesus Christ to lead them in the Lord's work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. McKAUGHAN.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School is the teaching agency, or one of the teaching agencies of the church.

Every organized Baptist Church in this Association has a Sunday School. It has been the pleasure of the writer of this report to visit every Sunday School except one.

During the month of May, 1934, we had a Sunday School meeting for a week in several of the churches, and most of them seemed well pleased, and have asked for another meeting of the same kind to be held some time this year. Several hundred people attended these meetings which were in charge of local talent, and the programme obtained the name "Home Made" because we were all home folks who participated in the work; and we believe much and lasting good in Sunday School work has been accomplished.

What we need is more and better teachers and officers.

The young people seem to have taken a peculiar interest in Sunday School work in general, and in some churches have the work entirely in charge.

Another one of the needs of the Sunday School in general is better equipment in the churches, such as curtains, Sunday School rooms, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. EGGERS,

Sunday School Director.

BRIEF HISTORY OF BEAVER DAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Beaver Dam Baptist Church was constituted by J. A. Farthing and D. B. Brown on the 7th day of November, 1874, sixty years ago. There were twenty-three charter members, eleven from Bethel church, eight from Cove Creek church, and four from Mt. Zion church.

Two pastors were elected to preach for the church. J. A. Farthing and D. B. Brown, who served for four years.

The church has ordained three of its members to preach. Jacob Hagaman, ordained January 10, 1880; J. C. Johnson, ordained January 13, 1883; and Wagner A. Reese, ordained July 3, 1920.

The Three Forks Baptist Association has met twice with this church. First in 1887 and second in 1910.

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REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Received from Association	\$56.45
Paid to treasurer	56.45

Respectfully submitted,
S. C. EGGERS.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Received from Association	\$56.45
Received from churches	6.15
Received from W. M. U.	3.75

Total	\$66.35
Paid out for postage	1.70

Balance	\$64.65
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Respectfully submitted,
DEAN SWIFT,
Chairman.

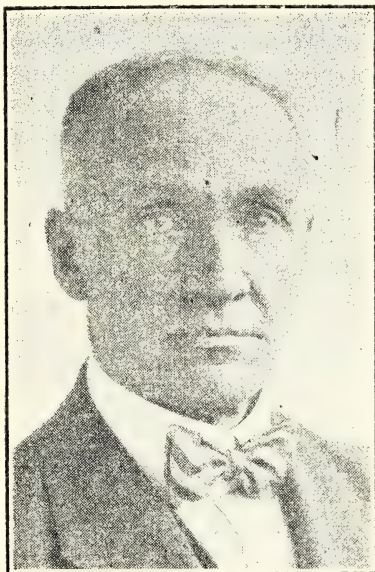
DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

Church members	5,226
Baptisms	154
Sunday school enrollment	3,819
No report from two churches.	
B. Y. P. U. enrollment	378
W. M. U. enrollment	361
Contributed to local expenses	\$9,583.61
Contributed to Co-operative Program	586.24
Contributed to Orphanage	3 511.02

Total	\$13,680.87
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Respectfully submitted,
CLYDE R. GREENE,
S. C. EGGERS,
FRANK EDMINSTEN,
Committee.

WILLIAM YOUNG PERRY



William Young Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. John K. Perry, was born on September 29, 1872, in Beaver Dam Township. He married Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McBride, on September 28, 1893. Seven children blessed their home. Mrs. Perry and two children passed away some years ago. On October 19, 1933, Brother Perry went to his reward.

In 1892 Brother Perry began his teaching career. Excepting two years, he taught every year until his demise. For years he worked in the Cove Creek High School. Perhaps he contacted more pupils than any other teacher in the county.

In early manhood he united with Bethel Baptist Church. In 1894 he became a member of Cove Creek Church. He attended the church services faithfully, taught the men's class, and took a part in all religious gatherings. For eighteen years he served this Association as clerk. In all his religious activities loyalty is the word that characterizes him.

Brother Perry was a model citizen. He obeyed the laws of the state—not only the letter, but the spirit. In community enterprises he gave freely in time and means. His sense of humor and his piety made him an agreeable neighbor. Always did he rejoice in the

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right. His voyage is over. He made it triumphantly. Indeed do we mourn the departure of a true friend, a mature scholar, a helpful neighbor, a princely gentleman, a good father, and a devout Christian. The prince has fallen, but all of us are jointly his heirs.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. GREENE,
Committee.

ELDER MELVIN MICHAEL

From May 31, 1882, to October 4, 1933, marks the earthly pilgrimage of Elder Melvin Michael. He and his beloved wife were blessed with seven children. Loving friends testify that their union was happy.

At the age of twenty Brother Michael professed faith in Christ and united with Yellow Hill Baptist Church in Wilkes county. When he was 34, he was ordained a Baptist minister. During the remainder of his life he served churches in Wilkes and adjoining counties and assisted other pastors in revival work.

His brethren in the ministry and his pastors say that he was sound in the faith, a Christian gentleman, steadfast in his convictions, a tireless worker, and a good pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. GREENE,
Committee.

Minutes

THREE FORKS WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The Woman's Missionary Union of Three Forks Association held its twenty-first annual meeting with Blowing Rock Baptist Church, June 14, 1934.

The session was opened at 10 o'clock by singing, "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name," and repeating the watchword, "Be strong and of good courage for Jehovah thy God is with thee."

The devotional was conducted by Mrs. R. C. Greene, the address of welcome was given by Mrs. D. P. Coffey.

The theme of the program for the morning session was "Recapture the Rapture of Prayer."

Mrs. W. W. Wilson delivered an address on Prayer and Personal Service.

Mrs. Ethel Hodges gave an inspiring talk on, "Knowledge Stimulates Prayer."

Hymn—"Sweet Hour of Prayer."

Playlet—"Therefore Pray," by Boone W. M. U.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. McKaughn for our young people's leader, Mrs. Nora M. Wilson, who was absent on account of illness.

The report of Librarian, Mrs. W. C. Greer, was read by Mrs. R. D. Hodges. A collection was taken for the library and received \$3.02.

The roll was called and the following Societies reported and sent representatives: Blowing Rock, 14; Bethel, 1; Boone, 25; Blanche Barrus, 3; Cove Creek, 2; Middle Fork, 6; Stony Fork, 1; Poplar Grove, 4; Willow Dale, 1.

The Superintendent then appointed the following committees:

Nominating Committee—W. M. S. Presidents.

Resolutions—Miss Nancy Lewis and Mrs. W. D. Farthing.

Time and Place—Mesdames Fred Winkler, J. M. Hodges, Henry Story.

After an inspiring address by Mrs. Edna R. Harris the session adjourned for the noon hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened by singing "Revive Us Again." Prayer was offered by Mrs. Edna R. Harris.

The theme of the program for this session was "Stewardship." Mrs. D. F. Horton delivered an address on "A Steward Always."

Hymn—"Trust, Try, Prove Me."

Playlet—"The Tithing School," by Boone young people.

Mr. McKaughn then gave a talk on Dr. Vance.

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The following young people's organizations reported: Boone Y. W. A., Junior Y. W. A., and Sunbeams; Cove Creek Y. W. A., G. A., R. A., and Sunbeams; Stony Fork Sunbeams.

Rev. Davis then gave a splendid talk on our work.

The Nominating Committee made the following report:

Mrs. J. L. Qualls, Superintendent.

Mrs. Homer Eggers, Assistant Superintendent.

Mrs. Hattie Johnson, Secretary.

Mrs. Nora Wilson, Young People's Leader.

Mrs. Kent Brown, Assistant Young People's Leader.

Mrs. Mary Harris, Personal Service Chairman.

Mrs. D. F. Horton, Stewardship Chairman.

Miss Mattie Lou Harmon, Assistant Stewardship Chairman.

Mrs. J. D. Brown, Mission Study Chairman.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The report on recommendations was read and adopted.

Recommendations

We of our committee recommend:

That we adopt the plan of work outlined by the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention;

That these plans be put in practice as much as possible;

Observing the stated seasons of prayer. Nothing is needed in the world today more than intercessory prayer;

Missionary education of our young people through mission study classes;

And that we urge our women to give unto God what is His in tithes and offerings, believing that this is plainly the scriptural teaching.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. D. F. HORTON,

MRS. EDNA R. HARRIS,

Committee.

The report on resolutions was read and adopted.

Resolutions

The W. M. U. of the Three Forks Baptist Association in its annual session wishes to thank all the members of the Blowing Rock Missionary Union, and its pastor, for their kind and gracious hospitality extended to us in so many different ways, especially in the serving of the delicious meal at the noon hour.

To Mrs. Coffey of Blowing Rock we extend our appreciation of her cordial welcome.

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We further wish to express our appreciation of the faithful, efficient work done throughout the year by our consecrated officers, most of all to our president, Mrs. J. L. Qualls. We especially commend her work in organizing new unions, and in the preparation of this program and in the way she presided over this meeting.

We desire to express our approval of the splendid reports given and of the work which has been done this year throughout the Association. We rejoice in the personal work that has been done in the Master's name.

To Mrs. Edna R. Harris, our state representative, whose very presence is an inspiration, we express our gratitude for her stirring and vital address. We pray that our organizations may be moved to greater things because of what we have heard from her lips.

To the pastors of the Association who have supported us, not only in this meeting, but all during the year, we extend our bountiful thanks.

To all those who have taken part in this program and helped to make it so deeply spiritual, we render our gratitude and extend the love of our hearts.

Therefore be it resolved:

That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this organization.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS NANCY LEWIS,
MRS. W. D. FARTHING,
Committee.

The Time and Place Committee gave the following report, which was accepted:

We, the Time and Place Committee, submit the following report:

1. We suggest the latter part of July or first of August.
2. Place to be decided later when discussed by the churches.
3. That we express to Blowing Rock Baptist Church (or W.M.U.) our appreciation for the kind hospitality shown us.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HENRY STORY,
MRS. HODGES,
MRS. FRED WINKLER,
Committee.

On motion the meeting adjourned after prayer by Mrs. D. F. Horton.

MRS. J. L. QUALLS, Supt.
MRS. HATTIE JOHNSON, Sec'y.

TABLE II—GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURER AND POSTOFFICE	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Literature for S. S. B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U.	Help Given Local Poor	Print'g Minutes and Asso. Clk.	Other Objects	Given by All W. M. U. Organizations	Given by the S. S.	Total for Local Purposes Given by Ch and all Dep'ts.
1. Antioch.....	J. L. Glenn, Sugar Grove.....	44.82	5.92	18.50		7.29	12.16		1.50		12.16		90.19
2. Bethel.....	W. W. Wilson, Sugar Grove.....	65.71		45.00	6.15	24.93	50.96	32.77	2.50	4.92			232.94
3. Beaver Dam.....	Lee Swift, Reese.....	75.00		5.00	80.00	15.00			1.75		16.00		192.75
4. Bethany.....	W. L. Welch, Madney.....	77.00		25.00			10.00		.75				112.75
5. Blowing Rock.....	D. P. Coffey, Blowing Rock.....	181.81				26.95	46.45		2.65	27.01			282.22
6. Boone.....	Clay R. Greene, Boone.....	180.00				280.00	312.44		10.00	165.51			3776.08
7. Brookside.....	Junice Greer, Buffalo Cove.....	5.81		110.00	1097.88								5.81
8. Brushy Fork.....	Clay Greene, Vilas.....	112.30		26.91		24.16	25.01			5.25	193.69		193.69
9. Cool Springs.....	Kenneth Payne, Boone.....	55.00		5.92		3.25	18.21	1.20	1.20				84.78
10. Cove Creek.....	S. R. Horton, Sugar Grove.....	273.10		29.72	275.45	61.81	36.14		.75	10.07			687.07
11. Elk Knob.....	S. S. South, Meat Camp.....	40.15							.70				40.15
12. Fall Creek.....	Grady Norris, Heaton.....	55.00		12.00	16.50	1.40	6.00		1.00				91.90
13. Forest Grove.....	J. M. Johnson, Vilas.....	36.24	30.75	17.00			20.24	1.00	.50				105.73
14. Gap Creek.....	Thos. Fairchild, Deep Gap.....												16.20
15. Howard's Creek.....	Gurney Norris, Boone.....	54.10		15.50	100.84	3.00	10.25		2.00	5.38			191.07
16. Laurel Spring.....	W. H. Wagner, Boone.....	109.67		30.50			31.42						203.01
17. Meat Camp.....	M. C. Brown, Boone.....	131.15				22.39	16.42	69.19	1.55				240.70
18. Middle Fork.....	L. P. Hodges, Blowing Rock.....	92.50				21.31	21.85	9.76	3.16	5.00			156.48
19. Mt. Calvary.....	J. M. Shoemaker, Balm.....	179.38		28.35	114.11	29.34	20.00		2.00		14.11	20.00	373.18
20. Mt. Lebanon.....	J. C. Donner, Vilas.....	61.80		14.35			18.32		.75				95.22
21. Mt. Gilthead.....	O. H. Trivett, Beech Creek.....	25.00					7.00				18.32		32.00
22. Oak Grove.....	Foe McNeil, Vilas.....	91.43	40.00			50.00	25.00		1.75				208.18
23. Pleasant Grove.....	Roy Eggers, Zionsville.....	112.99		28.95		20.00	29.00		2.00				223.24
24. Profitis Grove.....	L. E. Wilson, Zionsville.....	55.50		37.30		21.37	11.97		2.00	1.00	13.49		129.14
25. Poplar Grove.....	P. M. Winkler, Shull's Mills.....	89.15			4.00	21.16	24.94		2.00		24.94		141.25
26. Rich Mountain.....	L. E. Beach, Zionsville.....	30.00					6.00						36.00
27. Shull's Mills.....	J. B. Reed, Shull's Mills.....	50.00		20.00		5.00	16.75	10.00	2.00				103.75
28. Stony Fork.....	W. F. Norris, Todd.....	225.00		36.65		5.25	34.13			2.50	269.40		303.53
29. Stony Fork.....	A. J. Wellborn, Stony Fork.....	89.69		13.80	27.89	5.25	13.70		3.00				182.28
30. Three Forks.....	D. J. Edmiston, Boone.....	109.24	35.00		50.00	40.00	25.11		2.50		25.14		261.88
31. Timbered Ridge.....	E. B. Haganman, Beech Creek.....	58.12		7.00	.60		6.50		1.60				73.82
32. Union.....	Cecil Glenn, Vilas.....	79.25		38.00			19.58	75.00		8.75			221.08
33. Willowdale.....	Cecil Glenn, Zionsville.....	125.00		30.00	120.00	24.00	20.00		2.00				292.00
34. Zionsville.....	D. Le Eggers, Zionsville.....	132.40		33.25		6.00	20.00	25.00	4.00				220.65
35. Zion Hill.....	Rondal Ward, Beech Creek.....	77.40				1.00	11.62					12.62	90.02

TABLE III—GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, EDUCATION AND ALL BENEVOLENCES

CHURCHES	Treasurers and Post Offices	Total to Co-op. Program	Special to Asso. Missions	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Sp. to Ch's'n and M'tl Ed'n	Special to Orphanage	Special Hospitals	Special Old Min. Relief	Other Special Gifts	Given by W. M. U. Organizations	Given by the S. S.	Total for Missions by Church and All Departments	Grand Total Given All Purposes
1. Antioch.....	J. L. Glenn, Sugar Grove.....	43.35						68.50					13.29	68.50	158.69
2. Bethel.....	W. W. Wilson, Sugar Grove.....				2.76	2.76		82.17	8.33				13.29	139.37	372.31
3. Beaver Dam.....	Lee Swift, Reese.....				2.90	11.31	1.85	79.27	6.80				5.65	102.13	294.88
4. Bethany.....	W. L. Welch, Matney.....							3.25						3.25	3.25
5. Blowing Rock.....	D. P. Coffey, Blowing Rock.....							106.13	1.65				27.01	123.11	474.15
6. Boone.....	Clyde L. Greene, Boone.....	12.10		3.23				364.12	15.56			96.10		428.83	428.83
7. Brookside.....	Eunice Greer, Buffalo Cove.....	100.00		23.37	25.00	50.71	6.64				22.00	169.72	337.68	507.40	4283.48
8. Brushy Fork.....	Clay Greene, Vilas.....														
9. Cove Springs.....	Kenneth Payne, Boone.....					10.68		155.28	18.90					181.86	181.86
10. Cool Creek.....	S. F. Horton, Sugar Grove.....	25.92		6.43	4.15	10.57		118.24						118.24	118.24
11. Elk Knob.....	S. South, Meat Camp.....							253.50	8.63		21.00	34.40	1.75	230.20	1017.20
12. Fall Creek.....	Grady Norris, Heaton.....							81.29						81.29	123.19
13. Forest Grove.....	J. M. Johnson, Vilas.....							32.50						39.35	144.08
14. Gap Creek.....	Thos. Fairchild, Deep Gap.....			1.75	1.75	3.50		72.04					9.96	75.83	82.00
15. Howard's Creek.....	Gurney Norris, Boone.....							129.82	1.45					76.45	267.52
16. Laurel Spring.....	W. H. Wagner, Boone.....							75.00						75.00	75.00
17. Meat Camp.....	M. C. Brown, Boone.....							129.82	7.61					129.82	332.83
18. Middle Fork.....	L. P. Hodges, Blowing Rock.....			6.25	3.50			222.40						340.76	581.46
19. Mt. Calvary.....	J. M. Shoemaker, Balm.....					16.82		210.00						236.82	383.30
20. Mt. Lebanon.....	J. C. Donner, Vilas.....	4.93		1.28	8.57	4.01		77.60	10.23		8.00	33.38	34.26	113.82	486.80
21. Mt. Gillead.....	O. H. Trivett, Beech Creek.....							87.17	2.00					89.17	194.50
22. Oak Grove.....	Joe McNeil, Vilas.....							34.00						34.00	66.00
23. Pleasant Grove.....	Roy Eggers, Zionsville.....							67.53	3.86					71.39	279.50
24. Proffitts Grove.....	L. E. Wilson, Zionsville.....			5.11				275.93	2.09					284.13	507.37
25. Poplar Grove.....	P. M. Winkler, Shull's Mills.....							71.80	2.00		1.00	284.13	13.13	76.95	206.09
26. Rich Mountain.....	L. E. Beach, Zionsville.....							91.00	1.84					98.82	240.07
27. Shull's Mills.....	J. B. Reed, Shull's Mills.....							28.70	1.00					29.70	65.70
28. South Fork.....	W. F. Norris, Todd.....							20.00						20.00	123.00
29. Stony Fork.....	D. L. Welborn, Stony Fork.....							104.83	4.75		2.50	109.58		112.08	415.61
30. Three Forks.....	R. J. Edminsten, Boone.....							97.50						97.50	274.24
31. Timbred Ridge.....	E. B. Hagaman, Beech Creek.....							81.14	12.33				7.33	93.47	352.85
32. Union.....	Cecil Glenn, Vilas.....							105.25	1.82				105.25	107.07	180.89
33. Willowdale.....	D. L. Eggers, Zionsville.....							102.00					5.00	102.00	323.03
34. Zionsville.....	Rondal Ward, Beech Creek.....							70.00	3.50					73.00	295.00
35. Zion Hill.....								179.83	1.00				9.58	180.83	401.48
								92.21	1.21					93.42	183.44

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E. Y. Edmisten.
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 GAP CREEK—Walter Greene, Boone.
 LAUREL SPRINGS—J. L. Greene, Deep Gap.
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 MT. GILLEAD—Lee Norris, Whaley.
 MT. LEBANON—J. R. Shore, Vilas.
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 ZIONVILLE—R. C. Eggers, Dewey Trivett, Zionville.

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 Spencer Watson.
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 ten, Bert Farthing.
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 fey, Wade E. Brown.

- BOONE—J. C. Canipe, Pastor, W. D. Farthing, A. D. Wilson, Clyde R. Greene.
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- COVE CREEK—Phillip Fletcher, Pastor, D. C. Mast, W. F. Sherwood, Mrs. Odis Wilson.
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- MIDDLE FORK—W. C. Payne, Pastor, A. C. Shoemaker, W. T. Vandyke.
- MT. CAVALRY — F. C. Watts, Pastor, Ira Hodges, R. C. Greene, Ernest Shoemaker.
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- OAK GROVE—F. C. Watts, Pastor, J. C. Hodges, Joe McNeil, Mrs. Lionel Ward.
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- THREE FORKS—J. C. Canipe, Pastor, A. J. Edmisten, W. H. Hayes, W. G. Todd.
- TIMBERED RIDGE—Tipton Greene, Pastor, E. B. Hagaman, Grady McGuire, Burtha McGuire.
- UNION—J. R. Trivett, Pastor, Henry Norris, Doughton Greene, Allen Fletcher.
- WILLOWDALE—W. R. Davis, Pastor, I. A. Bumgarner, Shelton Dugger, Willard Presnel.
- WILLOW VALLEY—W. J. Cook, Pastor, D. M. Edmisten, Dillard Greene, Oscar Ward.
- ZION HILL—Tipton Greene, Pastor, Henry Hagaman, M. A. Ward, Gradon Hagaman.
- ZIONVILLE—W. C. Payne, Pastor, E. H. Wilson, Milton Brown, M. G. Reece.

ORDER OF BUSINESS 1936 SESSION

Tuesday Morning

- 9:00—9:25—Devotional and Roll Call.
- 9:25—9:45—Address of Moderator.
- 9:45—10:15—Religious Literature.
- 10:15—11:00—Temperance.
- 11:00—12:00—Annual Sermon.

Noon Recess

- 1:00— 1:15—Devotional
- 1:15— 1:30—Missions.
- 2:30— 3:30—Benevolences.
- 3:30— 3:45—Worship.

Wednesday Morning

- 9:00— 9:15—Devotional.
- 9:15—10:00—Obituaries.
- 10:00—10:45—Woman's Work.
- 10:45—11:15—Report Executive Committee.
- 11:15—12:15—Associational Progress and History of Zionville Church.

Noon Recess

- 1:15— 1:30—Devotional.
- 1:30— 2:15—Religious Training.
- 2:15—2:45—Sunday Schools.
- 2:45— 3:15—Reports: Treasurer, Finance Committee, Nominations, Resolutions and Time, Place and Preacher.
- 3:15— 3:45—Elections of Officers and Miscellaneous.
- 3:45— 4:00—Closing Worship.

The Pastor or some messenger from each church is expected to speak briefly on Associational Progress.

PROCEEDINGS
of the
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THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
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BRUSHY FORK BAPTIST CHURCH
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FIRST DAY

Tuesday, August 27, 1935

Morning Session

The Ninety-Fifth Annual Session of the Three Forks Baptist Association convened with the Brushy Fork Baptist Church, Vilas, N. C., Tuesday, August 27th, 1935 at 9:00 a.m.

W. T. Vandyke led in singing several songs, R. C. Eggers and G. W. Robbins offered prayer.

W. R. Davis, the appointee of the last Session to deliver the Annual Sermon, read from the eleventh chapter of Hebrews verses 23-40. After leading in prayer he announced the 27th verse of the lesson read as his text, his subject being, "Endurance".

1. Endurance is a Necessary Element in Success.
 - A. In Business.
 - B. In Education.
 - C. In Religion.
2. "He That Endureth to the End Shall Be Saved."
 - A. Moses as an Example of Endurance.
 - a. He Endured Ease.
 - b. He Endured Adversity.
 - c. He Endured Disappointment.
 - B. Faith in God Was Secret of His Endurance.
 - C. What Did He Gain by His Endurance?
 - a. Large Influence.
 - b. Heaven.

Prayer was led by J. C. Canipe.

W. D. Farthing, Moderator, called the Association to order for the transaction of business.

By motion of W. R. Davis, W. D. Farthing was elected Moderator and by motion of Roy Eggers, Clyde R. Greene was elected Clerk.

A. J. Greene presented the order of business as prepared by the Executive Committee and it was adopted.

The roll of the Churches was called and the Church Letters were presented to the Clerk.

The following visitors were recognized: I. G. Greer from Mills Home; Smith Hagaman from Baptist Hospital; J. A. McKaughan representing Biblical Recorder and United Dry Forces; M. A. Huggins from the State Board; Henry Crisp from Caldwell Association; G. W. Gragg and Linney Barnes from Stony Fork; J. L. Martin from Avery; M. I. Hartley from the Watauga Association (Tenn.).

Willow Valley, a newly constituted church, made application for membership with us and was duly received into our fellowship, the Moderator extending the right hand of welcome in behalf of the Association to the messengers.

The Moderator announced the following committees: Philip Fletcher added to the Resolution Committee; Nomination Committee, R. C. Eggers, A. J. Greene, Tom Vandyke; Finance Committee, G. W. Robbins, L. M. Hodges, Clyde R. Greene.

R. C. Eggers read the Report on Religious Literature; on motion to adopt the report was discussed by R. C. Eggers, J. A. McKaughan and was adopted.

Report On Religious Literature

The Bible tells us that of making books there is no end. If that was true in that far off day, how much more so now? Since the days of Moses men have been writing books.

This report is to deal with Baptist literature. Baptist authors have wrought wonders in this field; and today Baptist are making the pages of literature shine. Possibly, no denomination can boast of greater men and women who have written better pages and brought greater blessings to the world through literature.

We recommend the Biblical Recorder, Charity & Children and Baptist & Reflector as being wholesome periodicals.

All churches should use our own Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. literature, published at Nashville, Tenn.

Among all books the Bible is by far the most precious. It gives us the seed thought for every good thing, therefore, we recommend that it be read and studied more, daily.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. Eggers.

The Report on Temperance was read by Clyde R. Greene; after motion to adopt the report was discussed by Clyde R. Greene and J. A. McKaughan and was adopted.

Report On Temperance

Without doubt, the greatest moral issue confronting the American people since the World War is the Prohibition question. After a half-hearted trial the 18th Amendment has been stricken from our Constitution. The friends of prohibition are prone to contend that it was the constant and clever propaganda of the liquor interests that killed the Amendment; but in reality those same friends killed it by neglecting to teach Temperance to each generation. No law anywhere in a Republic is stronger than the public sentiment which backs its enforcement.

Our state refused to ratify the Repeal Amendment by almost two hundred thousand majority. Many Drys believed that such a victory had settled the prohibition question in North Carolina. But has it? Lets take stock and find out if we can, just where we are relative to liquor. Beer with sufficient alcoholic content to intoxicate is being sold everywhere at drug stores filling stations and restaurants; wine is being manufactured and sold in every N. C. county where the county commissioners have not prohibited its sale; sixteen counties are now operating approximately fifty liquor stores. This is a dark picture and we must arouse ourselves to immediate action if we would stop our state in her headlong plunge into legalized liquor.

Believing firmly that the most effective way to promote prohibition is to teach Temperance we recommend that this body appoint a committee of three outstanding citizens who shall have charge of a campaign to renew the teaching of Temperance in our Churches and Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,
Clyde R. Greene
Wade E. Brown, Committee.

Conforming to the recommendation in this report the Moderator appointed Clyde R. Greene, W. F. Miller and W. F. Sherwood on committee.

An offering amounting to \$14.53 was made for the United Dry Forces.

J. C. Canipe and Philip Fletcher, who are new pastors, were enrolled.

On motion the Association adjourned with prayer by W. D. Ashley at 12:00 to reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

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Tuesday Afternoon Session

The Association reconvened at 1:00 p.m. the devotional service being conducted by W. C. Payne.

B. M. Canup spoke briefly of Mars Hill College.

The Report on Missions was read by J. C. Canipe; upon motion to adopt it was discussed by J. C. Canipe and M. A. Huggins and adopted.

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Report On Missions

For the sake of convenience and the proper placing of responsibility, we have divided our mission program into three definite component parts, namely; State, Home and Foreign missions. In this world wide program we are commanded to preach, teach and heal. Southern Baptists are trying to carry out the Great Commission in our world wide mission program.

Every association, every church and every individual should feel it an obligation and a privilege to have a real worth while part in this the greatest of all undertakings. To take the Gospel to the whole world was and is the biggest job that has ever confronted man. Men and women of past centuries accepted it as their major task. Hence, we are Christians today. But if we fail now, what about future generations? Because Paul conscientiously felt his obligation to all men, all men now feel equally obligated to Paul. and thanks are due our forebearers, but our real obligation is the generations yet to be. The best way to fulfill both ministries is to be our best both collectively and individually to the world in which we live.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Canipe.

A. J. Greene read the report on Benevolences; upon motion to adopt it was discussed by I. G. Greer as to the Mills Home and by Smith Hagaman from the standpoint of the Hospital and was adopted.

Report On Benevolences

Your Committee on Benevolences, being unable to make any report of the status of benevolent activities during the past year, wishes to make some observations and recommendations.

In reading the New Testament we find Christ giving and giving continually. He emphasized over and over again this function of Christian living above all others with the single exception, "Love one another."

If in your church there is jealousy, if there is strife, if there is vain bickering, if there is lack of interest on the part of members; let us suggest to you the most powerful remedy we know, an increased participation in our benevolent work. With this participation will always come an increased interest. We believe that with increased activity in giving will come greater happiness, greater love and greater unity.

We Respectfully Recommend:

1. That each Sunday School make a regular monthly offering to the orphanage.
2. That the Mother's Day offering to our hospital be emphasized and increased.
3. That steps be taken at this meeting to help provide food for the hospital if it is practicable.
4. That the Church is losing rapidly by permitting the Government to take over the relief of the needy, which is the proper function of the Church.
5. That little gifts be emphasized more than big gifts.
6. That gifts in kind are frequently worth as much as money and that each person be encouraged to give of what he has.

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. Eggers, Committee.

The Association adjourned at 3:45 p.m. to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday morning, being dismissed by A. J. Greene.

SECOND DAY

—o— Wednesday Morning Session

The Moderator called the Association to order at 9:00 a.m. The devotional was conducted by G. W. Gragg, a visitor from the Stony Fork Association, R. C. Eggers led prayer. By request of the Moderator E. C. Hodges led in special prayer remembering L. A. Wilson who because of illness was unable to attend the Association.

Minutes of Tuesday were read and approved.

The Roll of pastors, ordained ministers and messengers was called.

J. A. Williams read Report on Obituaries; upon motion to adopt it was discussed by J. A. Williams, R. C. Eggers, E. C. Hodges and A. J. Greene and was adopted.

A motion prevailed to place photographs and short biographies of Dean Swift and Wellington Swift in the minutes.

By motion of J. C. Canipe any messenger who knows of a minister unable to attend our sessions because of illness is instructed to carry a message of love and sympathy personally to such a minister from the Association.

Mrs. D. D. Dougherty read the Report on Woman's Work. After being discussed by Miss Sarah Funderburk, Smith Hagan, Mrs. D. F. Horton and Phillip Fletcher the report was adopted.

The Association was called to special prayer led by Tipton Greene that we may renew our zeal for carrying the Gospel unto the utmost parts of the world.

A collection taken to aid in purchasing a boat for the Hamricks in China amounted to \$16.45.

—o— Report On Woman's Work

"In the name of our God we will set up our banners". These words of the Psalmist compose our motto for the year. This signifies that we are in a holy warfare that calls for devotion to Christ and his cause. The heart must be filled with a passionate desire for those living in sin, to know the gospel which is the power of God.

unto salvation to every one that believeth. As the greatest aid in carrying on this service we have placed great emphasis on prayer.

Next we have emphasized soul-winning realizing that the kingdom comes through personal witnessing. We cannot as Christians escape the responsibility for the unconverted.

Food and clothing have also been provided for those in need including hundreds of jars for the Mills Home. Many of our societies have helped carry the financial burdens of the churches; one giving \$250.00 toward paying off a church debt, another giving \$60.00 on repairs. One is helping to provide a boat for the Hamricks in China. The total amount given by W. M. U. is \$468.15.

We beg the pastors of our churches to cooperate in this work. Without their leadership it is not possible to go forward. Provision should be made for the various age groups to organize. Opportunity for this is offered through the Sunbeams, the Royal Ambassadors, the Y. W. A. and the W. M. S. Through these more knowledge should be gained, more light shine and more service be rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. D. D. Dougherty.

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The Report of the Executive Committee was read by A. J. Greene; upon motion to adopt it was discussed by D. L. Greene, R. C. Eggers, A. J. Greene and J. S. Brown and was adopted.

By motion of W. R. Davis the Executive Committee was directed to suggest an amount to be raised for minute fund for next year and also to suggest to the various churches an amount to be contributed.

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Report of Executive Committee

The Committee submits the following report: During the year we have met twice. We recommend:

1. That the minute fund be increased.
2. That our hospital be given more attention.
3. That the Lord's Acre is a good plan to help in financing the Church.

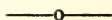
Respectfully submitted,

G. P. Hagaman, Chairman

A. J. Greene, Secretary.

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W. C. Greene read the Report on Associational Progress. As the program provided that this report be discussed by some

one from each church the roll of churches was called and the following pastors and messengers responded with interesting reports from their churches: John Ward, J. A. Williams, Tipton Greene, W. J. Cook, G. W. Rowe, Phillip Fletcher, Novel Cook, D. L. Greene, R. C. Eggers, J. A. Winebarger, J. L. Martin, W. H. McGuire, Joe J. Wellborn, M. A. Ward, A. J. Greene and D. M. Edmisten. The report was adopted.



Report On Associational Progress

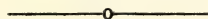
Our Association has passed through another year of trials and struggles, but God has wonderfully blessed our efforts toward advancement of His Kingdom in the hearts of our people. We have achieved noble results, of which we are justly proud, but never should we forget that these results come only through the mercies of God.

With rapid changes taking place in our social activities we should be careful lest strange doctrines creep into our churches and overthrow the will of Christ. Men can be saved only through repentance. To achieve the results that God has commanded of us our watchword should be, "Watch, act and pray".

Our primary aim must be to win the lost for Him who gave His life that, "Whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have eternal life".

	1934	1935	Gain	Loss
Membership	5134	5473	339	
Baptisms	162	376	214	
Sunday School	4160	4428	268	
B. Y. P. U.	378	331		47
W. M. U.	361	389	28	
Local				
Contributions	\$9583.61	\$12353.49	\$2769.88	
Benevolences	\$4097.36	3288.37		\$808.99
Total Gifts	\$13680.87	\$15641.86	\$1960.99	

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. Greene, Committee.



A motion prevailed that a brief History of Brushy Fork Church be printed in the Minutes.

History Of Brushy Fork Church

Brushy Fork Baptist Church was constituted Feb. 26, 1858 by Joseph Harrison and D. Calvin Harman in a school house about one mile west of the present church with the following eleven charter members: M. C. Harman, Moses Hatley, J. A. Hagaman, Sarah Reece, Susan Danner, Elvirah Holtzclaw, Elizabeth Hicks, Sally Hagaman, Melissa Harman, Sarah Hagaman and Sarah Mundy. The church was first named 'Philadelphia' but this name was soon changed to Brushy Fork. In 1859-60 the first church building was erected where the Brushy Fork School house now stands. This house was used until 1888 or 89 when the present house was built.

The church has had eighteen pastors as follows: D. C. Harman served 24 years, A. C. Farthing 1 year, E. F. Jones 1 year, J. J. L. Sherwood 10 years, E. M. Gragg 5 years, J. F. Davis 3 years, John Eller 1 year, Oney Trivett 8 months, David Greene 4 years, Sidney King 1 year, S. L. Fox 1 year, J. M. Payne 9 years, Edmond Greene 6 months, D. M. Wheeler 3 years, L. A. Wilson 3 years, R. C. Eggers 3 years, G. W. Sebastian 4 years and W. D. Ashley who is beginning his 5th year. The following have served as clerk: J. A. Hagaman, Hamilton Hagaman, W. W. Presnell, J. W. Holtzclaw, L. M. Trivett, J. H. Presnell, M. J. Williams and Miss Blanche Anderson who is serving now.

The church has ordained 6 of her members to preach the gospel; J. A. Hagaman, I. J. McGinnis, S. L. Fox, James Davis and John Hagaman.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. Trivett.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Tipton Greene for the noon recess.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association reconvened at 11:15 p.m. The Devotional was conducted by E. C. Hodges.

I. A. Bumgarner read the Report on Christian Training and S. C. Eggers on Sunday Schools; upon motion to adopt these reports were discussed by S. C. Eggers, J. L. Martin, Smith Hagaman and J. A. McKaughan and the reports were adopted.

Report on Christian Training

Christian training is possibly not receiving the attention it once did in our homes, schools and churches. The duties of life are rooting out religious training to a large extent. Many things are being done now without notice that in the days of our fathers could not have existed.

Our Christian schools do not demand as high standards of Christian living as they should, or as they once did. No people will rise above the requirements of its institutions, and for this reason, if for no other, our churches at least, should require a much higher standard of Christian living. Just as we have lost the power of the law we are losing the power of our churches by our toleration of the so called 'no harm' sins such as card playing, dram drinking and profane language by our members.

We look for Christian Training from three sources, the home, the church and the school. If these fail as we believe they are failing, what will the results be?

Christ said, "I come that ye might have life and have it more abundantly." We believe that if the Moderator of this Association would visit the churches at least once a year and stress the more abundant life much good would be done thereby. We believe that good will supplant wrong if stressed with equal force, so we believe that if our schools would put the same emphasis on Christian Training as they place on athletics that the whole works would be revolutionized.

Brother S. C. Eggers is doing a sacrificial work in the Sunday School and Young People's work, and we commend his efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

I. A. Bumgarner

Mrs. Mollie Adams, Committee.

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Report On Sunday Schools

The world's greatest teacher, Jesus Christ, placed teaching the gospel next to preaching the gospel. He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you". It is in obedience to this command that the Church maintains the Bible teaching agency, the Sunday School.

We believe the Sunday School is "By Divine providence in our hands an institution with a wonderful history, magnificent achievements and untold potentialities." The army of thirty millions of members and three and one half millions of teachers and officers is the greatest army of religious workers in the world. Yet in America

only one person in four is in Sunday School. We are glad to note that the average in our Association is somewhat higher. We have in our Association thirty six churches with as many Sunday Schools. Since we have these Sunday Schools it behooves us to use them from the standpoint of teaching, which is the mission of the Sunday School.

In presenting this report we urge renewed acceptance by the churches of the Sunday School as an instrument in the hands of Christian people to magnify preaching, to promote preaching attendance, enlist and train more people in teaching the Bible, keep Bible teaching under church control, magnify and emphasize the use of the Bible, secure universal study of the Bible, teach Baptist doctrines, win the lost for Christ, teach missions and train in missionary practice.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. Eggers, Sunday School Director.

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The Clerk was by motion elected Treasurer.

The Report on Finances was read by G. W. Robbins and was adopted.

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Report of Finance Committee

Received for Minutes	\$ 81.36
Received for Hamricks	16.45
Received for United Dry Forces	14.51
Total	\$112.32
Paid to Treasurer	\$112.32

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. Robbins.

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A motion carried directing the Clerk to abridge any report containing more than two hundred words so that it would come within this limit.

R. C. Eggers read the Report on Nominations and it was adopted.

The Report on Resolutions was read by Phillips Fletcher and was adopted.

Resolutions

We your committee on resolutions wish to report the following:

1. That we recognize the ability and fine Christian spirit of our Moderator and the splendid manner in which he has dispatched the business.

2. That we congratulate this Association for the splendid fellowship and fine Christian spirit that has been felt during this session.

3. That we express our thanks to Brushy Fork Church and community for the bountiful dinners and splendid way in which they have entertained the people.

4. That we express our thanks to our State Secretary and other workers for the helpful and inspiring reports brought of our work.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. Williams

Phillip Fletcher, Committee.

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E. B. Hardin read the report on Time, Place and Preacher.
Report adopted.

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Report on Time, Place and Preacher

The 1936 Session of the Association will be held Tuesday and Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in August with Zionville Baptist Church. We recommend J. C. Canipe to preach the Annual Sermon, Phillip Fletcher, alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. Hardin

T. C. Hodges, Committee.

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A motion to change the time of the election of officers from the beginning to the close of the session of the Association was carried.

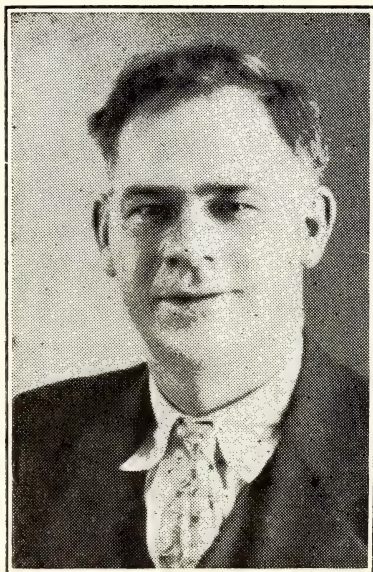
By motion the Clerk was allowed \$20.00 for his work.

The Minutes were read and adopted.

R. C. Eggers led the closing worship.

W. D. FARTHING, Moderator.

Clyde R. Greene, Clerk.



Russell Dean Swift

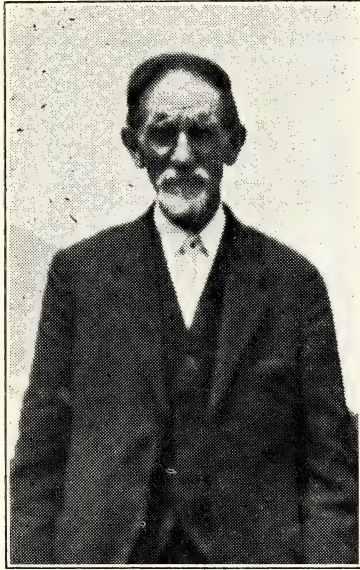
Russell Dean Swift lived from October 22, 1893, to July 17, 1935. He was the son of the late George and Jane Swift. On Sept. 30, 1921 he married Miss Creta Hagaman. Two children blessed their home—Dean, Jr. and Carlton.

In 1911 Brother Swift joined Forest Grove Baptist Church, later moving his membership to Cove Creek. He was very active in church work being Sunday School Teacher, Superintendent of Sunday School, Church Clerk and Clerk of Three Forks Association in turn. Freely he contributed of his time and talent to the cause.

On Sept. 29, 1917 he enlisted in the U. S. army and served faithfully until his discharge on July 17, 1919. He was wounded at Bellicourt, France.

Upon his return he resumed his chosen profession—teaching. He taught at various places in Watauga County, but his most notable work was at Cove Creek where he was principal of the Elementary School for a number of years.

In 1934 he was elected to the General Assembly. During the session he was stricken with illness from which he never fully recovered. In the demise of Brother Swift the church has lost a good member, our county an excellent citizen, the state a wise legislator, the school a worthy teacher and his family a good husband and father.



Elder Wellington Swift

The dates, Feb. 15, 1851 and Nov. 23, 1934 mark the earthly pilgrimage of Elder Wellington Swift. He was the son of Elias and Betsy Swift. He was born near Sherwood, N. C. When a small boy he moved with his parents to Beaver Dam, where he spent the remainder of his life. On March 26, 1871 he married Jane Wilson. Ten children blessed their home. They are honored citizens in several states.

Bro. Swift was useful in his community. Besides his civic and religious influences he served his neighbors as miller and mechanic. At all times he proved to be an example in industry and uprightness.

His better life began near Bethel Church at the age of seventeen. Throughout his life he clung to his faith in the Lord. At the organization of Beaver Dam Church he became a charter member. Early in life he began to exhort in public. On December 30, 1911 he was ordained to the ministry.

Bro. Swift is remembered best for his religious enthusiasm. Cheerfully he exhorted people to accept the Lord and lead a better life. He held pastorates and conducted revivals in several states. For a number of years he conducted the closing worship at the annual sessions of our association. He often thrilled the people by singing his favorite hymns. He was never faint-hearted in his work, but spoke boldly for his Master. Those whom he led to the Lord hold him in grateful remembrance.

**In Remembrance of Those Who Have Answered
The Roll Call Since Our Last Association**

"In My Father's House Are Many Mansions."

ANTIOCH:

Mr. John Tester
Mrs. Ivalee Pritchard
Mrs. Martha Harman

BEAVER DAM:

Elder Wellington Swift
Mr. John Wilson
Mrs. Sarah May

BETHEL:

Elder R. M. Farthing
Mrs. Mabel Church
Mrs. Sarah Farthing
Mrs. Mary Perkins
Mr. P. P. Shell

BLOWING ROCK:

Mrs. Mattie Storie
Mr. Edward Coffey

BOONE:

Deacon R. F. Coffey
Miss Pauline Swift
Mrs. Ruth Greer
Mrs. L. T. Tatum

BRUSHY FORK:

Mrs. Maggie Holtzclaw
Mr. Marion Hodges

COOL SPRINGS:

Deacon A. M. Triplett

COVE CREEK:

Mrs. Etta Isaacs
Mr. Jim Horton
Deacon Enoch Swift
Mr. Dean Swift

FOREST GROVE:

Mrs. Mary Story
Mr. Coy Story

HOWARD'S CREEK:

Mrs. Jennie Brown

LAUREL SPRINGS:

Miss Eliza Brown
Mr. Elija Phillips
Mr. Len Norris

MEAT CAMP:

Mrs. L. A. Greene
Mrs. Clarrise Barnes

MIDDLE FORK:

Mrs. T. F. Greer

MT. CAVALRY:

Mr. F. P. Gwaltney
Mr. James Ramsey

OAK GROVE:

Mr. Bynum McNeil

PLEASANT GROVE:

Mrs. Annie Eggers
Mr. Troy Wilson
Mrs. Addie Teague
Mr. Holden Davis
Mr. Asa Wilson

POPLAR GROVE:

Miss Mary Frances Maltba

SHULLS MILLS:

Mr. J. L. Storie

SOUTH FORK:

Mrs. Mollie Norris
Mrs. Caroline Winebarger

STONEY FORK:

Mr. Cannie Greene

TIMBERED RIDGE:

Mrs. Eliza Guy

ZION HILL:

Mr. Carrol Trivette

ZIONVILLE:

Mr. J. S. Stanbery
Mrs. Flora Byers
Mrs. Julia Reece

J. A. Williams, Committee.

MINUTES OF THE W. M. U.

The Twenty-Second Annual Meeting of the Three Forks Woman's Missionary Union met with Mount Cavalry Baptist Church, Balm, N. C. on Sept. 18, 1935.

The session was opened by singing, "Trust, Try and Prove Me." The devotional was conducted by Mrs. R. L. Wagner; greeting given by Mrs. Coswell and the response by Mrs. James B. Mast. The watchword for the year, "In the Name of Our Lord We Will Set Up Our Banner" was repeated in unison. The theme of the program was "Forward with the Banner".

Lift High the Banner in Personal Service was given by Mrs. W. F. Miller.

Lift High the Banner in Stewardship was given by Mrs. D. F. Horton.

Lift High the Banner Through Prayer was given by Mrs. Ethel Hodges.

A dramatization of, "Fling Out the Banner" was given by the Boone W. M. U.

The report of the D. D. Dougherty Memorial Library was given by Mrs. W. C. Greer.

The roll was called and the following societies reported with the following number of representatives: Antioch, 7; Blowing Rock, 5; Boone, 17; Cove Creek, 10; Mount Cavalry, 17; Poplar Grove, 1; Stony Fork, 1.

The Superintendent gave her report. A wonderful message was brought by Miss Sarah Funderburk, a returned Missionary from China.

The following committees were appointed by the Superintendent:

Nominations—Mrs. Viola Ward, Mrs. R. S. Swift, Mrs. A. J. Payne, Mrs. J. M. Shoemaker and Mrs. Ethel Hodges.

Recommendations—Mrs. J. M. Hodges and Mrs. D. P. Coffey.

Resolutions—Mrs. Don Perry and Mrs. D. F. Horton.

Time and Place—Mrs F. P. Chappell and Miss Emma Ward.

The meeting adjourned for lunch.

Afternoon Session

The Session was opened by singing, "Give of Your Best to the Master": The devotional was conducted by Rev. Mr. Murray of Banner Elk.

Do We Know Our Training School, was the subject of an inspiring talk by Mrs. J. C. Canipe.

Why the Margaret Fund, was discussed by Mrs. D. P. Coffey.

A message was brought by Rev. J. C. Canipe on the Romance of Missions.

The following Young People's Organizations reported: Boone Intermediate G. A., Jr. Y. W. A. and Senior Y. W. A.; Cove Creek Y. W. A., G. A., and Sunbeams; Mount Cavalry, Sunbeams. The Young People's Leader gave her report and a program was given for the Young People.

Scripture and prayer by Miss Irene Sheffield.

An address on the young people of China by Miss Funderburk.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows:

Superintendent, Mrs. J. L. Qualls; Asst. Superintendent, Mrs. Frank Miller; Secretary, Mrs. Don Perry; Mission Study Chairman, Mrs. J. D. Brown; Stewardship Chairman, Mrs. D. F. Horton; Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. D. P. Coffey; Young People's Leader, Mrs. Nora Wilson; Asst. Young People's Leader, Miss Ella Austin; Asst. Young People's Leader, Mrs. J. C. Canipe.

The report was adopted.

The report on resolutions as follows was adopted:

We, the Committee on Resolutions, want to express to the women of Mount Cavalry Church, our sincere thanks for the gracious hospitality extended to us, the cordial welcome and the bountiful dinner given us. We shall 'thank God upon every remembrance of you' in the years to come as we cooperate together in the Lord's work.

We want to express our deep appreciation for the wonderful addresses by Miss Funderburk and for the inspirational talks by Mr. Canipe and Mr. Murray. We rejoice because we can be 'laborers together with God', and pray that as His children, we may be led by the Holy Spirit to greater service in His Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Don Perry

Mrs. D. F. Horton, Committee.

The Report on Recommendations as follows was read and adopted:

We of our committee recommend:

That we study God's word more diligently;

That we give more time to prayer;

That we give more sacrificially to the various causes of our Southern Baptist Convention;

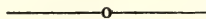
That we support our leaders in their efforts to carry on the work of the Kingdom;

That we be found faithful in these testing times.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. M. Hodges,

Mrs. D. P. Coffey, Committee.



The report on Time and Place was given and adopted.

Place, Cove Creek; Time, To be decided later.

A collection for minute fund was taken which amounted to \$5.46.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Nora Wilson.

Mrs. J. L. Qualls, Superintendent.

Mrs. Don Perry, Secretary.

TABLE I—CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Village, Town or Country?	When Constituted	Pastors and Postoffices	Days of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP										Total	Deaths	Total Present Members	Weekly Pr. Mtngs	Reveries Held During Year	Ob's Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Bap. Pap'r
					Members Last Year	Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Errasures									
1. Antioch	C	1849	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock	1	177	61	18	1	6	38	5	3	217	*	1	1	3	1	2	3	
2. Beaver Dam	C	1847	E. C. Hodges, Adams	2	118	19	3	1	...	3	1	3	130	0	1	1	1	1	2	3	
3. Bethany	C	1898	F. C. Watts, Purlear	2	95	3	...	...	...	...	...	99	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	
4. Bethel	C	1851	Tipton Greene, Boone	4	272	30	8	...	3	12	11	5	280	*	1	1	2	4	4	45	
5. Blowing Rock	T	1903	W. R. Davis, Blowing Rock	1	146	7	...	...	...	...	...	2	155	0	1	1	2	4	4	45	
6. Boone	T	1871	J. C. Canipe, Boone	1	3	4	32	...	...	...	...	4	492	*	2	2	4	4	4	45	
7. Brookside	T	1933	L. N. Keller, Fleetwood	4	456	24	...	...	...	...	...	16	30	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	
8. Brushy Fork	C	1858	W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rock	3	30	3	...	...	...	...	...	3	131	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	
9. Cool Springs	C	1888	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock	4	135	2	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	
10. Cove Creek	C	1799	Phillip Fletcher, Sherwood	4	89	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	89	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	
11. Elk Knob	C	1885	A. E. Moretz, Boone	1	213	...	8	1	...	2	6	4	216	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	
12. Fall Creek	C	1885	Tipton Greene, Boone	3	60	...	2	2	2	...	...	...	58	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	
13. Forest Grove	C	1889	J. C. Canipe, Boone	3	80	2	4	...	2	...	...	...	88	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	
14. Gap Creek	C	1880	J. C. Canipe, Boone	3	142	2	2	4	4	9	3	2	136	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	
15. Howard's Creek	C	1882	E. C. Hodges, Adams	3	119	5	...	...	...	...	...	1	119	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	
16. Laurel Springs	C	1882	H. M. Winkler, Todd	1	126	2	1	...	2	1	1	...	128	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	
17. Meat Camp	C	1873	J. C. Canipe, Boone	1	179	8	...	...	...	...	...	3	184	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	
18. Middle Fork	C	1851	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock	2	129	29	8	1	1	1	1	4	160	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	
19. Mt. Calvary	C	1905	F. C. Watts, Purlear	2	123	3	...	...	3	1	...	...	127	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	
20. Mt. Gilthead	V	1869	E. J. Farthing, Sugar Grove	1	182	12	2	2	2	...	...	2	189	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	
21. Mt. Lebanon	C	1891	W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rock	2	75	13	8	...	2	5	3	...	90	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	
22. Oak Grove	V	1916	F. C. Watts, Purlear	1	172	16	2	...	...	13	1	...	176	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	
23. Pleasant Grove	C	1891	W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rock	2	165	12	...	...	...	...	...	1	176	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	
24. Poplar Grove	C	1872	R. C. Eggers, Zionville	1	311	19	4	...	...	4	2	...	323	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	
25. Proffit Grove	C	1921	A. E. Moretz, Boone	1	161	3	2	1	1	1	...	1	164	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	
26. Rich Mountain	C	1905	J. R. Trivett, Mabel	1	100	2	...	...	...	...	3	2	97	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	
27. Shulls Mills	C	1888	R. C. Eggers, Zionville	2	59	6	3	...	3	2	...	...	66	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	
28. South Fork	C	1883	H. M. Winkler, Todd	2	32	5	14	...	...	1	...	1	49	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	
29. Stony Fork	C	1841	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock	2	162	3	...	...	1	6	...	2	158	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	
30. Three Forks	C	1790	J. C. Canipe, Boone	2	202	4	5	...	3	3	2	1	205	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	
31. Timbered Ridge	C	1906	Tipton Greene, Boone	2	130	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	132	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	
32. Union	C	1893	I. R. Trivett, Mabel	3	84	3	2	1	1	4	...	1	85	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	
33. Willowdale	C	1911	W. R. Davis, Blowing Rock	2	227	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	237	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	
34. Willow Valley	C	1935	W. J. Cook, Boone	3	113	2	2	...	2	3	...	...	114	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	
35. Zion Hill	C	1886	Tipton Greene, Boone	2	...	39	46	...	...	6	...	...	79	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	
36. Zionville	V	1836	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock	3	113	12	7	1	1	3	1	1	128	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Totals			W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock		5134	376	192	5	26	152	37	20	5154	73	...	...	...	...	...	66	

Note. — * Yes; 0-No.

Note.—*Yes; 0-No.

CHURCHES

SUPTS. AND POSTOFFICES

CHURCHES		SUPTS. AND POSTOFFICES										Sunday School Enrollment										Sp'l Info.	
		Beginners 3-5	Primaries 6-8	Juniors 9-12	Intermediates 13-16	Young People 17-24	Adults 25 up	Cradle Roll Under 3	Home Dept.	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance?	School Graded?	Standard A-1?	T's Holding N. Diplomas	Baptisms from School							
1. Antioch	M. L. Shepherd, Sugar Grove	16	10	18	12	27	15			9	107	58	*	0	17								
2. Beaver Dam	Lee Swift, Trade, Tenn.	10	13	20	27	18	25			10	123	70	*	0	4	18							
3. Bethany	J. L. Triplett, Matney		15	13	12		25			5	70	45	0	0	3								
4. Bethel	Edgar Green, Sugar Grove	12	22	25	36	54	43			12	204	95	*	0	6	10							
5. Blowing Rock	Wade E Brown, Blowing Rock	18	25	27	17	15	12			11	125	75	*	0	4	7							
6. Boone	W. D. Farthing, Boone	21	54	91	65	84	189	21	30	60	615	350	*	0	30	14							
7. Brookside	D. R. Ford, Blowing Rock			8	10		15			4	37	25	0	0									
8. Brushy Fork	Grady Minton, Vilas	8	6	8	12	17	28	2	3	10	94	84	0	0									
9. Cool Springs	Kenneth Payne, Boone	15		13			25			5	58	34	0	0									
10. Cove Creek	S. F. Horton, Sugar Grove	13	20	30	14	38	38			15	168	125	*	0	10								
11. Elk Knob	Sam S. South, Meat Camp	8	8	7	14	9	10			5	61	37	0	0		2							
12. Fall Creek	T. B. Gryder, Heaton	8	9	10	8	22	18			8	83	65	0	0									
13. Forest Grove	Gardner Matheson, Vilas		21	21	22	28	20	7		8	127	58	*	0		3							
14. Gap Creek	A. G. Miller, Deep Gap	14	9	18	14	18	20			9	102	65	0	0		5							
15. Howard's Creek	W. B. Culler, Boone	10		15	10	10	15			5	65	50	0	0									
16. Laurel Springs	W. H. Wagner, Boone	14	13	31	34	22	32	4		16	166	98	*	0	1	8							
17. Meat Camp	Albert Michael, Boone	23	13	14	26	34	48	3		11	172	75	*	0	5	19							
18. Middle Fork	Paul Hodges, Blowing Rock	15	10	15	12	20	23			11	106	56	*	0									
19. Mt. Cavalry	Roby Painter, Balm	10	12	12	12	16	31			9	102	73	0	0	1	9							
20. Mt. Gill-ad	George Harman, Beech Creek		20	15	30		30	9		6	110	75	0	0									
21. Mt. Lebanon	S. B. Hayes, Vilas	8	14	8		27	18			9	84	55	0	0									
22. Oak Grove	L. M. Hodges, Adams		20	20	25	50	35			8	158	95	*	0	1	12							
23. Pleasant Grove	Roy Eggers, Zionville	14	30	28	20	40	38			13	183	106	0	0									
24. Poplar Grove	Miss Ella Austin, Shulls Mills	19	9	16	15	18	16			13	106	54	0	0	2	3							
25. Profit Grove	J. A. Winebarger, Meat Camp	7	7	12	19	10	15			6	76	43	0	0	1	2							
26. Rich Mountain	T. O. Eggers, Zionville	9	10	12	15		12			7	65	47	0	0		5							
27. Shulls Mills	S. W. Robbins, Shulls Mills	8	13	14	18		15			7	75	15	*	0	2	3							
28. South Fork	E. R. Michael, Todd	18	21	24	17	20	16			7	123	79	0	0									
29. Stony Fork	W. L. Greene, Stony Fork	25	10	22	30	20	23	8		12	150	140	0	0	8	4							
30. Three Forks	I. T. Barnett, Boone	12	14	19	11	19	18	12		8	113	50	*	0									
31. Timbered Ridge	Robert Greene, Peoria	13		13	15		27			6	74	60	0	0		2							
32. Union	Clifford Norris, Mabel	19	15	13	18	26	23			9	123	95	0	0		10							
33. Willowdale	A. J. Greene, Vilas	7		8	12	24	26	4		8	100	58	0	0	5	2							
34. Willow Valley	Dillard Greene, Sugar Grove		13	13	14	18	34			8	100	50	0	0		11							
35. Zion Hill	Graydon Hagaman, Beech Creek	24		14	16		28			7	89	85	0	0									
36. Zionville	A. J. May, Trade, Tenn.	19	16	13	18	26	23			9	124	89	0	0	10								

Additional Information:—Shulls Mills has Mission S. S., Enrollment 73. Cove Creek had DVBs.

Additional Information:—Shulls Mills has Mission S. S., Enrollment 70. Cove Creek had DVES.

TABLE III—CHURCH PROPERTY

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES								
		When Built?	Persons Seated	No. Rooms	Asbly. Rooms	No. Class Rms	Value Church Hse. And Grounds	Total Value All Church Property	
1. Antioch	L. W. Ward, Sugar Grove	1902	300	1	1	1	2500	2500	
2. Beaver Dam	C. B. Reece, Trade, Tenn.	1924	350	5	1	4	3500	3500	
3. Bethany	J. L. Triplett, Matney	1898	200	1	1	1	1000	1000	
4. Bethel	Bert Farthing, Sugar Grove	1924	350	8	1	7	5000	5000	
5. Blowing Rock	C. T. Hartley, Blowing Rock	1924	200	8	1	7	17000	17000	
6. Boone	J. T. C. Wright, Boone	1929	400	40	5	35	50000	52500	
7. Brookside	Lee P. Greer, Buffalo Cove	1881	700	6	1	5	4000	4000	
8. Brushy Fork	Blanche Anderson, Vilas	1910	400	1	1	1	1500	1500	
9. Cool Springs	Dewey Mitchell, Blowing Rock	1923	200	10	1	9	10000	10000	
10. Cove Creek	Mrs. Hattie Lewis, Sherwood	1885	200	1	1	1	500	500	
11. Elk Knob	W. C. South, Meat Camp	1927	300	1	1	1	1000	1000	
12. Fall Creek	G. H. Norris, Heaton	1907	450	8	1	7	1200	1200	
13. Forest Grove	Orville Hagaman, Vilas	1900	300	1	1	1	1500	1500	
14. Gap Creek	H. E. Greene, Deep Gap	1900	300	1	1	1	800	800	
15. Howard's Creek	L. F. Cottrell, Boone	1872	500	1	1	1	2500	2500	
16. Laurel Springs	W. H. Wagner, Boone	1927	500	3	1	2	3000	3000	
17. Meat Camp	D. L. Greene, Zionville	1905	300	1	1	1	2000	2000	
18. Middle Fork	G. F. Edmisten, Blowing Rock	1933	400	5	1	4	6000	6000	
19. Mt. Cavalry	R. C. Greene, Balm	1905	300	1	1	1	1500	1500	
20. Mt. Gillead	O. H. Trivette, Beech Creek	1912	200	1	1	1	900	900	
21. M. Lebanon	Ronda Earp, Vilas	1899	300	1	1	1	2500	2500	
22. Oak Grove	Bernard Hodges, Boone	1922	400	1	1	1	1500	1500	
23. Pleasant Grove	Roy Eggers, Zionville	1892	500	9	1	8	4000	4000	
24. Poplar Grove	T. C. Hodges, Shulls Mills	1914	225	1	1	1	1000	1000	
25. Proffit Grove	L. E. Wilson, Zionville	1919	300	1	1	1	1000	1000	
26. Rich Mountain	Baxter Culler, Zionville	1905	200	1	1	1	1000	1000	
27. Shulls Mills	G. W. Robbins, Shulls Mills	1888	350	4	1	3	1500	1500	
28. South Fork	Will H. McGuire, Brookside	1901	300	1	1	1	3000	3300	
29. Stony Fork	Russell Wellborn, Deep Gap	1898	800	1	1	1	1100	1100	
30. Three Forks	W. G. Todd, Boone	1922	250	5	1	4	3000	3000	
31. Timbered Ridge	W. L. Greene, Peoria	1911	250	1	1	1	1200	1200	
32. Union	J. M. Burkett, Mabel	1893	500	1	1	1	1000	1000	
33. Willowdale	I. A. Bumgarner, Vilas	1923	300	7	1	6	5000	5000	
34. Willow Valley	D. M. Edmisten, Sugar Grove	1923	200	1	1	1	1500	1500	
35. Zion Hill	Jessie Mae Marman, Beech Crk	1886	400	3	1	2	1500	1500	
36. Zionville	E. H. Wilson, Zionville	1926	300	7	1	6	5000	5000	

Additional Information: All churches are made of wood except the following which are made from brick: Bethel, Boone, Cove Creek, Mt. Calvary.

All Churches own their houses of worship except two: Willow Valley and Brookside

Pastors' homes owned by the churches are South Fork, Value \$200 and Boone

CHURCHES

REGULAR TREASURERS
AND POST OFFICES

		Pastor's Salary	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Lit. for S.S. and B.Y.P.U. and WMS	Help Given Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Asso. Clerk	Other Objects	Given by Church Only (Local Work)	Given by S. S. (Local Work)	Total for Local Purposes Given by Church and all Its Organizations
1. Antioch	Edwin Glenn, Sugar Grove	78.00	37.08	4.80	10.00			2.50		132.38	23.19	168.57
2. Beaver Dam	Lee Swift, Trade, Tenn.	81.00	33.00		15.00			2.11		131.11	15.53	146.64
3. Bethany	W. L. Welch, Matney	71.65						.75	24.25	96.65	35.44	200.17
4. Bethel	W. W. Wilson, Sugar Grove	68.50	50.24	2.25	24.15	4.29	12.80	2.50		164.73		36.65
5. Blowing Rock	D. P. Coffey, Blowing Rock	250.00	35.34							341.62	68.67	410.29
6. Boone	G. P. Hagman, Boone	1687.00	200.62	2139.00	308.61	266.56		10.00	72.10	4683.89		4683.89
7. Brookside	Lee P. Greer, Buffalo Cove	32.31	7.00		3.00	6.00		1.00		49.31		49.31
8. Brushy Fork	Clay Greene, Vilas	155.48	33.39		7.15	36.95			27.50	260.47		260.47
9. Cool Springs	Willie Austin, Shulls Mills	37.66			8.85	12.09	6.63			65.23		65.23
10. Cove Creek	S. F. Horton, Sugar Grove	230.78	18.33	133.79	44.48	4.90		1.00		493.28		569.92
11. Elk Knob	Sam S. South, Meat Camp	43.00	7.00	13.50		5.00	20.00			88.50		88.50
12. Fall Creek	G. H. Norris, Heaton	50.91	13.00	20.00	5.00	8.00	10.00	1.25		121.66		121.66
13. Forest Grove	Bud Isaacs, Vilas	38.07	23.27	60.57					1.15	123.06	19.16	142.22
14. Gap Creek		57.35								73.35	8.56	81.91
15. Howard's Creek	Mrs. Gurney Norris, Boone	52.84	15.00		3.00	16.78		2.00	8.90	98.52		98.52
16. Laurel Springs	W. H. Wagner, Boone	187.56	45.00	3.95						236.51		263.51
17. Meat Camp	M. C. Brown, Boone	173.27	66.00	12.51	34.01	25.39	5.52	3.00		519.70		319.70
18. Middle Fork	L. P. Hodges, Blowing Rock	116.12	17.72	1.10	17.42	24.14		2.45	8.00	198.95		198.95
19. Mt. Cavalry	J. M. Shoemaker, Balm	297.38	38.00		44.16	22.63				367.17		497.17
20. Mt. Gilgoad	O. H. Trivette, Beech Creek	45.00	17.00			14.00		1.20		76.00		76.00
21. Mt. Lebanon	J. C. Danner, Vilas	57.00	18.56			19.23				95.99		95.99
22. Oak Grove	Joe McNeil, Vilas	88.20	28.75	569.26	13.00					699.21	24.23	723.44
23. Pleasant Grove	Roy Eggers, Zionville	111.41	15.61	6.91	71.00	37.00	9.91			256.34		256.34
24. Poplar Grove	Fred Setzler, Shulls Mills	90.94	17.38							117.32	36.82	159.87
25. Profit Grove	C. M. Profit, Zionville	53.10			7.63			1.37		66.97		66.97
26. Rich Mountain	L. E. Beach, Zionville	36.00			1.50	10.87		1.50		45.50		45.50
27. Shulls Mills	J. F. Reid, Shulls Mills	38.57	29.00		12.40	25.00	8.00	2.00		114.97		114.97
28. South Fork	W. F. Norris, Todd	331.90	45.00						2.90	381.80	19.91	401.71
29. Stony Fork	D. L. Wellborn, Stony Fork	151.57	19.20		55.00		7.50	2.20		235.47	21.87	257.34
30. Three Forks	A. J. Edmisten, Boone	103.50	45.00		36.00	29.84			10.00	224.34		224.34
31. Timbered Ridge	E. B. Hasaman, Beech Creek	60.15	7.13			12.00			18.45	97.73		97.73
32. Union	M. L. Warren, Mabel	105.00	28.00							133.00	19.85	152.85
33. Willowdale	Cecil Glenn, Vilas	125.00	40.62		14.00	22.00		2.25		343.87		343.87
34. Willow Valley	Mrs. D. M. Edmisten, Sugar G.	67.19	15.34	328.76	8.67		25.00	1.30		446.46	10.55	497.01
35. Zion Hill	Alvin Cannon, Beech Creek	82.40	40.00	50.00						172.40	37.97	210.37
36. Zionville	Dwight Eggers, Zionville	98.64	37.79		10.00		25.00			171.43	21.48	192.91

Other Information: Salaries other than Pastors'—Middle Fork, \$12.00; Pleasant Grove, \$4.50; Church Debts and Interest; Mt. Cavalry, \$55.00; Willowdale, \$140.00; Local Work—Given by All W. M. U. s: Antioch, \$13.00; Cove Creek, \$76.64; Mt. Calvary, \$130.00; Poplar Grove, \$5.73; Willow Valley, \$40.00.

TABLE V—MISSIONS & ALL BENEVOLENCES

CHURCHES

	Total to Co-op Program	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special Orphanage	Special Hospitals	Other Special Gifts	Given by Ch. Only (Miss., Etc.)	Given by W.M.U. Orgs. (Miss., Etc.)	Given by S. S. (Missions, Etc.)	Total for Missions, Benevs. by Ch. and All Depts.	Grand Total for all P'poses, Local W'k. and all Orgs.
1. Antioch					14.50	8.10	1.97	14.50	3.00	.....	17.50	186.07
2. Beaver Dam			5.60	21.20	51.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.68	96.94	243.58
3. Bethany					1.00	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	1.00	97.65
4. Bethel		3.75	.....	.....	36.93	.....	5.12	87.60	.....	26.45	114.05	314.22
5. Blowing Rock								12.09	42.26	65.89	120.24	530.53
6. Boone		21.30	29.71	40.59	238.89	11.08	6.00	372.57	.....	.....	372.57	5056.46
7. Brookside		6.25	.....	.....	1.25	.....	.....	7.50	.....	.....	7.50	56.81
8. Brushy Fork						10.26	4.60	139.79	.....	.....	139.79	400.26
9. Cool Springs					12.57	8.72	.....	269.95	75.67	19.81	19.81	85.04
10. Cove Creek					204.78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	345.62	915.54
11. Elk Knob												88.50
12. Fall Creek		13.50	.....	.....	3.68	4.50	.....	21.68	.....	.....	21.68	143.34
13. Forest Grove			9.01	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.01	.....	16.07	25.08	167.30
14. Gap Creek					23.12	3.56	.....	26.68	.....	.....	26.68	108.59
15. Howard's Creek					6.00	.....	.....	6.00	.....	.....	6.00	104.52
16. Laurel Springs		5.00	.....	.....	65.58	3.85	.....	74.43	.....	.....	74.43	310.94
17. Meat Camp		1.95	1.95	.....	88.29	12.38	.....	111.57	.....	.....	111.57	431.27
18. Middle Fork				24.35	128.04	14.72	10.77	177.88	.....	.....	177.88	376.83
19. Mt. Cavalry					101.16	.....	.....	101.16	26.15	.....	127.35	624.42
20. Mt. Gillead					45.00	.....	.....	45.00	.....	.....	45.00	121.00
21. Mt. Lebanon				1.51	36.25	4.11	.....	41.87	.....	.....	41.87	137.86
22. Oak Grove										55.64	55.64	779.08
23. Pleasant Grove		1.85	.....	.....	247.50	2.00	.....	251.35	.....	.....	251.35	507.69
24. Poplar Grove		4.18	.....	.....	98.12	.....	.....	102.30	4.61	13.03	119.94	279.81
25. Profit Grove					5.92	2.00	.....	7.92	.....	.....	7.92	74.89
26. Rich Mountain					13.20	.....	.....	13.20	.....	.....	13.20	58.70
27. Shulls Mills	9.50	.....	.....	.....	73.20	4.30	.....	87.00	.....	.....	87.00	201.97
28. South Fork	15.94	.....	.....	.....	60.00	3.71	18.23	97.88	.....	.....	97.88	499.59
29. Stony Fork					117.75	40.67	.....	158.42	19.00	.....	177.42	434.76
30. Three Forks					70.00	7.25	.....	77.25	.....	.....	77.25	301.59
31. Timbered Ridge		2.09	.....	.....	84.88	4.04	.....	91.01	.....	.....	91.01	188.74
32. Union					41.97	.....	.....	41.97	.....	.....	41.97	194.82
33. Willowdale	15.43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	88.83	104.26	.....	.....	104.26	448.13
34. Willow Valley						4.50	.....	4.50	.....	.....	4.50	501.51
35. Zion Hill		49	.....	.....	56.69	8.43	.....	65.61	.....	.....	65.61	275.98
36. Zionville					200.96	.....	.....	200.96	.....	.....	200.96	393.87

Additional Information: Special to Aid Ministers' Relief—Beaver Dam, \$1.55; Meat Camp, \$7.00.
Special to Christian Education—Beaver Dam, \$1.94.

TABLE VI—BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES		Does Ch. Have, Gen. BYPU?	Adult Unions	Senior Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions	Adults Enrolled	Seniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total No. Daily Bible Readers	No. Taking BYPU St'dy Course	T'l Systematic Givers in Unions	Students in College from Church
1. Blowing Rock	0	1	1	1	1	1	3	13	15	12	38	40	...	...	...	1
2. Boone	0	1	3	1	1	1	6	75	30	15	158	...	...	...	...	...
3. Brushy Fork	0	1	1	1	1	1	3	30	18	11	30	...	...	...	...	...
4. Cove Creek	0	1	1	1	1	1	3	36	18	11	65	...	...	...	...	...
5. Poplar Grove	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	14	...	24	38	57	20	10	...	...



THREE FORKS BAPTIST
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NINETY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

HELD WITH

ZIONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
ZIONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

August 25, 26, 1936



The Ninety-Seventh Session to be Held August 24, 25, 1937,
With Howards Creek Baptist Church, Boone, N. C.

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MINUTES
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W. C. Payne to Preach the Annual Sermon,
Phillip Fletcher, Alternate.

Suggested Order of Business for 1937 Session

TUESDAY MORNING

- 9:00- 9:25—Devotional and Roll Call.
- 9:25- 9:45—Address of Moderator.
- 9:45-10:15—Religious Literature.
- 10:15-11:00—Temperance.
- 11:00-12:00—Annual Sermon.

Noon Recess

- 1:00- 1:15—Devotional.
- 1:15- 2:30—Missions.
- 2:30- 3:30—Benevolences.
- 3:30- 3:45—Worship.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 9:00- 9:15—Devotional.
- 9:15-10:00—Obituaries.
- 10:00-10:45—Woman's Work.
- 10:45-11:15—Report of Executive Committee.
- 11:15-12:15—Associational Progress.

Noon Recess

- 1:15- 1:30—Devotional.
- 1:30- 2:15—Christian Training.
- 2:15- 2:45—Sunday Schools.
- 2:45- 3:00—History of Howards Creek Church
- 3:00- 3:30—Reports: Treasurer, Finance Committee, Nominations, Resolutions and Time, Place and Preacher.
- 3:30- 3:45—Election of Officers and Miscellaneous.
- 3:45- 4:00—Closing Worship.

Some Messenger or the Pastor from each church is expected to give a brief summary of the report of his church as made to the Association in the Associational Letter.

DIRECTORY

Officers of the Association

R. C. Eggers, Moderator	Zionville, N. C.
Clyde R. Greene, Clerk-Treasurer	Boone, N. C.
A. J. Greene, Historian	Vilas, N. C.

Executive Committee

G. P. Hagaman, Chairman	Boone
Lee Swift	Trade, Tenn.
D. L. Greene	Zionville
A. J. Greene	Vilas
Mrs. D. P. Coffey	Blowing Rock
R. C. Eggers	Zionville, N. C.
Clyde R. Greene	Boone, N. C.
*W. D. Farthing	Boone, N. C.

LIST OF NOMINATIONS

MISSIONS—J. C. Canipe, E. C. Hodges.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE—Wade Byers, Mrs. R. G. Greene.

ASSOCIATIONAL PROGRESS—Wade Brown, D. M. Edmisten.

BENEVOLENCES—A. E. Moretz, J. A. Williams.

TEMPERANCE—Tipton Greene, W. C. Payne.

CHRISTIAN TRAINING—Phillip Fletcher, Ella Austin.

WOMAN'S WORK—Mrs. Odes Wilson, Mrs. D. F. Horton.

RESOLUTIONS—N. M. Greene, M. J. Williams.

NOMINATIONS—Moderator to Appoint.

ORDER OF BUSINESS—Executive Committee.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER—Moderator to Appoint.

FINANCE—Moderator to Appoint.

OBITUARIES—A. J. Greene, J. C. Canipe.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR—S. C. Eggers.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION DIRECTOR—Phillip Fletcher.

ORPHANAGE DIRECTOR—Clyde R. Greene.

HOSPITAL DIRECTOR—A. D. Wilson.

PROMOTION COMMITTEE—D. M. Edmisten, Chairman; S. C. Eggers, Phillip Fletcher, A. D. Wilson, Mrs. J. L. Qualls and Clyde R. Greene.

*Elected by the Executive Committee to take place of D. L. Greene, deceased.

B. T. U. Organization

Director B.T.U., Phillip Fletcher, Zionville.
Assistant Director, Clint Adams, Vilas.
Secretary-Treasurer, Jamie Harmon, Sherwood.
Adult Leader, Earnest Banner, Blowing Rock.
Senior Leader, Ralph Greene, Boone.
Intermediate Leader, Ella Austin, Shulls Mills.
Junior Leader, Lelia Ayers, Boone
Story Hour Leader, Mattie Lou Harmon, Sherwood.
Group Leaders: Albert Michael, J. T. C. Wright, Don Shell,
Ila Greene.

W. M. U. Organization

Superintendent W.M.U., Mrs. J. L. Qualls, Boone.
Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Frank Miller, Boone.
Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. S. F. Horton, Sugar Grove.
Mission Study, Mrs. J. C. Canipe, Boone.
Personal Service, Mrs. D. F. Horton, Vilas.
Stewardship, Mrs. Brown.
Young Peoples' Leader, Mrs. Nora Wilson, Zionville.
Assistant Y. P. Leader, Mrs. R. C. Winebarger, Boone.

Sunday School Organization

Sunday School Director, S. C. Eggers, Boone.
Assistant Director, Edwin Dougherty, Boone.
Secretary-Treasurer, Rena Mae Farthing, Boone.
Adult Leader, Mrs. D. P. Coffey, Blowing Rock.
Young Peoples' Leader, Mrs. R. C. Winebarger, Boone.
Intermediate Leader, Mrs. B. W. Stallings, Boone.
Primary Leader, Mrs. W. W. Wilson, Sugar Grove.

Ordained Ministers not Pastors

ANTIOCH—W. H. Glenn, Sugar Grove; G. W. Trivett, Vilas.
BETHANY—J. T. McGuire, Matney.
BETHEL—L. C. Wilson, Sugar Grove.
BOONE—Roy Dotson, Boone.
GAP CREEK—W. C. Greene, Deep Gap.
MIDDLE FORK—A. B. Church; J. J. Matney, Blowing Rock.
MT. GILLEAD—Lee Norris, Whaley.
MT. LEBANON—J. R. Shore, Vilas.
STONY FORK—H. H. Smith; T. S. Robbins, Stony Fork.
THREE FORKS—Raymond Hendrix, Boone.
WILLOWDALE—A. J. Greene, Vilas.
ZIONVILLE—Dewey Trivett, Zionville.
LAUREL SPRINGS—J. L. Greene, Deep Gap.

ROLL OF PASTORS AND MESSENGERS

- ANTIOCH**—Pastor W. C. Payne. Messengers: Dwight Cable, M. P. Trivett, L. W. Ward.
- BEAVER DAM**—Pastor, E. C. Hodges. Messengers: Lee Swift, C. B. Reece, Dean Reece.
- BETHANY**—Pastor, F. C. Watts. Messengers: W. C. Smith, Fred Edmisten, Willard Yates.
- BETHEL**—Pastor, W. D. Ashley. Messengers: M. H. Edminsten, D C. Hagaman, Bert Farthing.
- BLOWING ROCK**—Pastor, Phillip Fletcher. Messengers: Mrs. J. M. Hodges, J. M. Hodges, Mrs. D. P. Coffey.
- BOONE**—Pastor, J. C. Canipe. Messengers: W. D. Farthing, Clyde R. Greene, J. A. Williams.
- BROOKSIDE**—Pastor, L. N. Keller. Messengers: Lee P. Greer, Robert Greer, Mrs. Rosa Greer.
- BRUSHY FORK**—Pastor, W. D. Ashley. Messengers: Coy Love, Grady Greene, Lee Anderson.
- COOL SPRINGS**—Pastor, W. C. Payne. Messengers: W. W. Austin, Kenneth Payne, Milton Pennell.
- COVE CREEK**—Pastor, Phillip Fletcher. Messengers: Gordon Sherwood, Mrs. Will Payne, Jamie Harmon.
- ELK KNOB**—Pastor, A. E. Moretz. Messengers: Frank Main, Mrs. Lloyd Miller, W. C. South.
- FOREST GROVE**—Pastor, J. C. Canipe. Messengers: Berl Isaacs, Dave Greene, J. M. Johnson.
- GAP CREEK**—Pastor, J. C. Canipe. Messengers: W. C. Greene, A G. Miller, Noah Watson.
- HOWARDS CREEK**—Pastor, E. C. Hodges. Messengers: L. F. Cottrell, J. E. Norris, Watson Tester.
- LAUREL SPRINGS**—Pastor, H. M. Winkler. Messengers: Rufus Idol, E. B. Hardin, J. H. Greene.
- MEAT CAMP**—Pastor, J. C. Canipe. Messengers: N. M. Greene, Wade Clawson, Verne Greene.

- MIDDLE FORK—Pastor, R. H. Shore. Messengers: L. P. Hodges, Frank Edminsten, Paul Hodges.
- MT. CALVARY—Pastor, Phillip Fletcher. Messengers: W. H. Shoemaker, Ray Chappell, Clarence Howell.
- MT. CILLEAD—Pastor, E. J. Farthing. Messengers: Elmer Warren, Charlie Trivett, Mrs. Ella Farthing.
- MT. LEBANON—Pastor, W. J. Cook. Messengers: T. T. Danner, Vilas Minton, Ronda Earp.
- OAK GROVE—Pastor, F. C. Watts. Messengers: J. C. Hodges, Hat-tie Brown, Mrs. Ralph Greene.
- PLEASANT GROVE—Pastor W. D. Ashley. Messengers: Sam Flannery, A. A. Perry, A. B. Culler.
- POPULAR GROVE—Pastor, R. C. Eggers. Messengers: Z. T. Greene, Alonzo Cook, George Main.
- PROFFIT GROVE—Pastor, H. M. Winkler. Messengers: J. A. Winebarger, Frank Winebarger, C. M. Proffit.
- RICH MOUNTAIN—Pastor, J. R. Trivett. Messengers: T. O. Eggers, M. S. Eggers, Baxter Culler.
- SHULLS MILLS—Pastor, R. C. Eggers. Messengers: G. W. Rob-bins, C. M. Shore, Paul Day.
- SOUTH FORK—Pastor, H. M. Winkler. Messengers: J. S. Brown, Will H. McGuire, Ralph White.
- THREE FORKS—Galley 2. cmfwyp
- STONEY FORK—Pastor, W. C. Payne. Messengers: Z. V. Greene, Russell Wellborn, W. L. Greene.
- THREE FORKS—Pastor, J. C. Canipe. Messengers: W. H. Hayes, A. J. Edminsten, J. C. Brookshire.
- TIMBERED RIDGE—Pastor, Tipton Greene. Messengers: John Ward, Grady McGuire, J. Y. Smitherman.
- UNION—Pastor, Phillip Fletcher. Messengers: R. A. Thomas, Dough-ton Greene, J. M. Burkett.
- WILLOWDALE—Pastor, Roby Painter. Messengers: Shelton Dug-ger, Rex Bumgarner, Hassie Harmon.
- WILLOW VALLEY—Pastor, W. J. Cook. Messengers: Custer Ward, George Harman, Dillard Greene.
- ZION HILL—Pastor, Tipton Greene. Messengers: M. A. Ward, Hen-ry Hagaman, Mrs. Fred Harmon.
- ZIONVILLE—Pastor, W. C. Payne. Messengers: W. B. Reece, Rob-ert L. Reece, E. H. Wilson.

PROCEEDINGS
of the
NINETY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Held With
ZIONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Zionville, N. C.

FIRST DAY
Tuesday, August 25, 1936
Morning Session

The Ninety-sixth Annual Session of the Three Forks Baptist Association convened with Zionville Baptist Church, Zionville, N. C., Tuesday, Aug. 25th, 1936, at 9:00 A. M.

The opening songs, "How Firm a Foundation," and "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship," were led by R. C. Eggers, after which Tipton Greene led in prayer, invoking the blessings of God upon all the churches of our Association and upon the pastors and messengers of each. A. J. Greene then read the second chapter of Thessalonians and offered prayer, especially asking Divine blessings upon the officers of the Association. W. J. Cook led in singing "Sweet Hour of Prayer," and Phillip Fletcher led in prayer in which he asked for the presence of the Holy Spirit during the session of the Association.

The Moderator, W. D. Farthing, called the Association to order for the transaction of business.

The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk.

The report of the Committee on Order of Business was read by the Clerk, and upon motion of R. C. Eggers, was adopted.

The Moderator announced the following Committees: Finance: Clyde R. Greene, G. W. Robbins, Tipton Greene and for Nominations: N. M. Greene, G. P. Hagaman, R. C. Eggers.

The Clerk called the roll of churches and committee chairmen who were to present reports to this session.

Visitors were recognized as follows: Roy Keller, Stony Fork Association; R. F. Terrell, representing the Biblical Recorder; M. A. Adams, representing the United Dry Forces; Smith Hagaman, Superintendent Baptist Hospital; J. C. Pipes, representing the State Mission Board; I. G. Greer, General Superintendent, N. C. Baptist Orphanage; M. I. Hartly, Watauga Association, of Tennessee.

Mrs. Wade E. Brown read the report on Religious Literature, after discussion by R. F. Terrell it was adopted as read.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

There has probably never been a time when as much printed matter fills the mails and invades our homes as there is today. With publications pouring from the presses it is no longer difficult to obtain reading material. It is not an uncommon sight to see a ragged boy walk up to a newsstand with a few small coins and practically load himself down with cheap sordid magazines and dime novels. Through our church publication houses and from the pens of our great and inspired leaders there is also a constant flow of books and periodicals that are available almost for the asking.

Thus our greatest problem is not how to obtain reading material but how to select the best and how to present it to our people in such a way that it will be attractive and will not be thrown aside and labeled as "dry and uninteresting."

The minds of our young people are largely molded through the printed page. Surely our pastors and their churches cannot take too seriously this matter of selecting the right kind of reading material.

It is well to bear in mind that our task is not complete with merely selecting the proper reading material. We should also encourage the formation of good, intelligent reading habits.

As a few steps toward solving these problems your committee recommends that an ever-increasing emphasis by pastors, Sunday school superintendents, teachers and church members, be placed on the daily habit of reading and studying the Bible, the foundation of all good literature. We also recommend the use in all of our Sunday Schools of the literature published by our Sunday School Board.

A number of our Sunday Schools are now using the club system of distributing Charity and Children, our Orphanage publication, to

their members. We feel that this system should be extended to all our Sunday schools. Also the Biblical Recorder should be in the homes of all our Baptist people.

Finally, we recommend that in each church the pastor and a group of interested members select at least one good book each, as circumstances will permit, and after reading it pass it on to some one else, thus forming the nucleus around which may later be built a church or community library.

Respectfully submitted,

WADE E. BROWN

A. J. Greene read the report on Temperance which was discussed by M. A. Adams, and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Your Committee on Temperance submits the following report:

1. That the beauty of temperance be stressed in all our religious activities.

2. That the officers of the law are not expected to do the work of church members.

3. That we do not sleep on our jobs.

4. That we give assistance instead of criticism to the officers of the law.

5. That as citizens we keep public opinion healthy by sermons, addresses, programs and the press.

6. That the work being done by the united dry forces in our schools be commended.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. SHERWOOD

A. I. GREENE

At the close of Brother Adam's masterful appeal for sobriety and support for the Temperance Cause a collection was taken for the United Dry Forces amounting to \$19.47.

The Annual Sermon being next in order, J. C. Canipe read the story of the founding of the Church as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew, after which Phillip Fletcher led in prayer.

Brother Canipe then delivered an unusually helpful and inspiring message, using as his subject, "Christ and His Church," emphasizing the following thoughts:

1. Jesus was and is both God and Man.
2. He organized the Church and called it His church.
3. The church is Divine in three senses:
 - a. In its origin.
 - b. In its nature.
 - c. In its purpose.
4. Jesus is the Head of the Church.
 - a. The Church must obey its Head.
 - b. All members must work together in harmony to carry out the commands of the Head of the Church.
5. The Church must have character.
 - a. Members must separate themselves from the world.
 - b. Church must teach the Word as it is.
 - c. Church must go about doing good.
6. Church must have Jesus' principles.
 - a. In sacrifice.
 - b. Motives of Jesus.
 - c. Goal of Jesus.

J. C. Canipe offered the closing prayer and the session adjourned to meet at 1:00 P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The aftersoon session opened promptly at 1:00 P.M., the devotional services being conducted by D. M. Edminsten.

Roby Painter was recognized as a new pastor in the Association.

Fall Creek Church was granted a letter of dismissal to unite with Avery Association.

Clyde R. Greene reported for special Temperance Committee and by motion the Committee was continued for the ensuing year.

Z. V. Greene, G. P. Hagaman and A. J. Greene were appointed on Time, Place and Preacher Committee by the Moderator.

Mrs. Ralph G. Greene read the report on Missions. After discussion by Mrs. Greene, J. C. Pipes and M. A. Adams it was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature", is the challenge that rings as clear today as when first given. Appreciating the fact that we are recipients of the Gospel, because of this command, it behooves us to face our responsibility of giving the Gospel to this and future generations by cooperating with our State, Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

Through the Cooperative Program a certain per cent of all receipts are given to Missions and then special gifts may be sent in designated for special objects. If all Baptists in our Southland would only give something our Missionary program would be greatly expanded.

It is very necessary that all our people are acquainted with the work of our different Mission boards and the way they are supported so that we may have a responsive people with a working knowledge of Missions, joyful in the fact that each one has the opportunity of helping His cause and glorifying His name through our gifts to Missions. We must also remember to hold up the work and the workers by asking Divine guidance, grace and knowledge for them.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. RALPH GREENE

The report on Benevolences was read by D. M. Edmisten who spoke briefly on same. Smith Hagaman then discussed the work of our Hospital at Winston-Salem, pointing out that the institution has a corps of 66 physicians who practice there and a staff of 60 nurses with 3,700 patients in 1935, and more than 4,000 during 1936. He also said that the hospital had taken 47 cases from Watauga County last year from 25 churches, and that the free work done for patients from this County amounted to \$6,000.00. I. G. Greer brought an inspiring message on the work of the N. C. Baptist Orphanage, in which he laid the cause of our unfortunate children upon our hearts with the emphasis that he knows so well how to use.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCES

Your Committee on Benevolences seeing that the benevolent activities during the past year have made gains in some respects, wishes to make some observations and recommendations that need to be stressed in all our churches.

We find by studying the New Testament that Christ gave and

gave continually. He emphasized at all times the importance of Christian giving above all else in this world except, "Love one another."

If in your church there is jealousy, lack of interest, strife and not enough brotherly love the most powerful remedy we could think of is an increased participation in our benevolent work. With this always comes a renewed interest, also more happiness, more love and greater unity.

WE RECOMMEND:

1. That each Sunday school take a regular monthly offering for the Orphanage.
2. That our Mother's Day offering for the Hospital be emphasized and increased.
3. That small gifts be emphasized more than large ones.
4. That gifts in kind are sometimes worth as much or more than money because through them all can have a part in giving.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. EDMINSTEN
DILLARD GREENE

The Association adjourned at 3:45 to reconvene at 9:00 A. M. Wednesday morning with prayer by J. C. Canipe.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Moderator called the Association to order at 9:00 A. M. The devotional service was conducted by E. C. Hodges.

By motion, the Moderator and Clerk were added to the Committee on Nominations.

The roll of the messengers, pastors and ministers was called by the Clerk.

Visitors were recognized as follows: G. W. Gragg, Moderator, Stoney Fork Association; John A. Davis, W. W. Worley and D. B. Clark, Watauga Association, Tennessee.

The report on Obituaries was read by R. C. Eggers, who led the discussion. J. C. Canipe offered a special prayer in memory of the departed members of our churches. The discussion was then continued by E. C. Hodges, J. C. Canipe, J. S. Brown and the report was adopted.

By motion the Association ordered that a photograph and biography of L. A. Wilson, who died since our last session, be placed in the minutes.

Miss Annie Dougherty read the report on Women's Work. Upon motion to adopt the report was discussed by Mrs. D. F. Horton, Smith Hagaman and was accepted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

Jesus said, "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you". (John 20:21) In these words we find our watchword for the year. They confer a Divine commission that is to uphold us in our undertakings for the Master. Nothing lasting can be accomplished unless it has back of it Divine authority and the evidence of a transforming power. We speak with certainty and our lives bear mighty witness when we remember the great experience that has come into our lives, and when we bear in mind Him who sent us. Then we shall have strength to go on when the going is difficult. "At eventime there shall be light".

With the sending there goes the promise, "Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world". We can only be true with this great promise and the assurance of final victory.

Reports that have come in from the Societies during the year show a growth in number of members. Also an increase in all the different phases of the work. Willow Valley and Meat Camp churches have new organizations. Gifts to Missions and Benevolences for the year amounted to \$549.55, an increase of almost \$100.00. We now have 22 societies, seventeen of which have done splendid personal work, such as visiting the sick, sending fruit to orphanage, sending linens to hospital and aiding needy families in communities. Cove Creek Society made two quilts. Fourteen societies observed the week of prayer and ten had mission study courses. Twenty members of our different societies are tithers. The Blanche Barrows Society of Cove Creek was A-1 during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE DOUGHERTY

The Pastor of Zionville Church, W. C. Payne, was recognized and a vote of thanks was extended to him and Zionville Church for their hospitality.

Phillip Fletcher read the report of the Executive Committee, which was discussed by R. C. Eggers, Clyde R. Greene and was adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

WE RECOMMEND:

1. That each of our churches establish a roll of her active membership.
2. That each church, in the spirit of Christian love, seek to practice church discipline as taught in the New Testament.
3. That our Associational Director for Mills Home, the Baptist Hospital, the B. T. U. and the Sunday Schools be made members of our Promotional Committee.
4. That the Moderator appoint a committee to make plans for the observance of the one hundreth anniversary of the Three Forks Association which is due to occur in 1940.

The Moderator appointed A. J. Greene, R. C. Eggers, A. J. Edminsten and Clyde R. Greene on Committee to arrange for the celebration of the one-hundreth Anniversary of our Association.

The report on Associational Progress was read by A. J. Edminsten. After motion to adopt, J. C. Canipe directed the discussion by the representatives who spoke for the different churches. Those taking part in this discussion were: A. J. Edminsten, E. C. Hodges, W. C. Payne, Bert Farthing, Phillip Fletcher, W. D. Farthing, J. A. Williams, Smith Hagaman, M. J. Williams, A. E. Moretz, J. M. Johnson, J. C. Canipe, E. B. Hardin, N. M. Greene, Alonzo Cook, C. M. Proffit, G. W. Robins, W. H. Greene, W. H. Shoemaker, Mrs. Ralph Greene, Alonzo Cook, C. M. Proffit, G. W. Robins, W. H. McGuire, W. L. Greene, A. J. Greene, M. L. Ward, R. C. Eggers.

W. C. Payne offered a special prayer for the family of Mrs. Jane Tester, a member of Antioch Church, who died suddenly this morning while attending the Association.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL PROGRESS

Membership, 1935, 5473, 1936, 5291—loss of 182; Baptisms, 1935, 376, 1936, 248—loss, 128; S. S. enrollment, 1936, 4428, 1936, 4516—gain, 88; B. T. U. Enrollment, 1935, 331, 1936, 480—gain, 149; W. M. U. enrollment, 1935, 389, 1936, 449—gain 60; Local contributions, 1935, \$12,353.40, 1936, \$13,238.38—gain \$884.89; Benevolences, 1935, \$3,288.37.

1936, \$3,321.83—gain, 33.46; Total gifts, 1935, \$15,641.86, 1936, \$16,560.21—a gain over 1935 of \$918.35.

Last year nineteen churches gave \$158.18 to our Hospital. This year twenty-five churches gave \$234.33.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. CANIPE
A. J. EDMISTEN

The Association adjourned with prayer for the noon recess.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association met at 1:00 P. M. the devotional service being conducted by A. E. Moretz.

The following history of Zionville Church was read by R. C. Eggers and was, by motion, ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

HISTORY OF ZIONVILLE CHURCH

Ebenezer Church was constituted August 13, 1836, by Isaiah Wilcoxson and Barzilla McBride when this was Ashe County, with the following fourteen members: Volantine Reece, Anna Reece, Elizabeth Greer, Anna Hagaman, Sarah Reece, Jacob Greene, Vilet Greene, Hannah Reece, Nancy Dotson, Lemuel Wilson, Rebecca Wilson, Enoch Musgrave, Elizabeth Musgrave and Mary Reece. This was the fourth church to be constituted in what is now Watauga County. The deed was made in May 1837 by John Farthing. The name of the church was changed to Mt. Zion and later again changed to Zionville. The church has worshipped in three different buildings, the first of which was built of logs and stood near the center of the present cemetery.

Some of the pastors who have served the church are as follows: Barzilla McBride, Abner Farthing, Billie Wilcox, Billie Canter, J. J. L. Sherwood, E. F. Jones, David Greenè, Solmon Younce, John Eller, Harrison Farthing, J. M. Payne, Calvin Farthing, C. R. Norris, L. A. Wilson, R. C. Eggers, W. D. Ashley and W. C. Payne, the present pastor. The pulpit used 100 years ago, and the church record, are still preserved.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. EGGERS

Phillip Fletcher read the report on Christian Train-

ing. Upon motion to adopt it was discussed by Phillip Fletcher and Margaret Adams and was adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN TRAINING

If we would get at the bottom of Christian Training or Education we should listen to the prayer of a good mother, "Teach me how to order the child".

Christian training should begin in the home, the foundation of our churches and civilization, and this training must start with the child. "Train up a child in the way it should go and when it is old it will not depart from it". Then comes the church and here every saved soul needs to train to serve in a larger way. All are saved to serve.

Our churches last year made a forward step in this work, more than twenty training schools being conducted. On the fifth Sunday in March a score of young people went to different churches, delivering messages out of their own hearts. They conducted three District meetings that same afternoon. In August the Associational B. T. U. Meeting was held, a large number being present to enjoy this meeting. The B. T. U. work of our Association is now completely organized and has a brighter outlook than heretofore.

Another agency for Christian Training is our own Christian schools. We owe them our support. May our efforts be as one in carrying out His Great Commission—Teaching them to observe all things.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. NORA M. WILSON
MISS MAUDE PERRY

S. C. Eggers presented the report on Sunday School and after motion to adopt he discussed the report and it was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The business of the Sunday School is to teach God's Word to every available person. Jesus, the world's greatest Teacher, placed great emphasis upon teaching. He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you". Hence, our churches accept this command and seek to teach every available person through the Sunday School.

It should be the desire of every Sunday School teacher to take

the pupil as he is and so teach him from week to week that he will eventually become what God would have him be in due time. Many evil influences have been counteracted in the lives of boys and girls and even men and women by the teaching received in the Sunday School.

During the last twenty years Southern Baptists have enrolled more people in Sunday School than all other denominations put together, and yet there are ten and one-half millions who are prospects for our Baptist churches. In North Carolina we have eight hundred thousand prospects for our Sunday schools. Every Sunday morning there are three people at home for each one in Sunday school. In our Association we have 35 churches with 5,291 members. In these churches we have 35 Sunday schools with an enrollment of 4164 pupils and 352 teachers. Taking the above average of three at home and one in the Sunday school, we have about 8,000 people who are missing an opportunity to study God's Word every Sunday morning.

The Sunday School Board is seeking to enroll 500,000 new pupils by 1941. North Carolina should enroll at least 50,000 of them and our Association should enroll 1000 of them. In presenting this report we urge renewed acceptance by the churches of the Sunday school as an instrument in the hands of Christian people to magnify the church. To prevent crime, promote preaching attendance, keep Bible teaching under church control, win the lost to Christ, teach missions and enlist in Missionary practices.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. C. EGGERS.

Clyde R. Greene reported as Mills Home director and Phillip Fletcher reported on B. T. U. Work.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received for United Dry Forces	\$ 14.51
Received for the Hamricks	16.45
Received for Minute Fund	90.27

Total Receipts\$121.23

Paid to United Dry Forces	\$ 14.51
Paid to Hamricks	16.45
Paid for Minutes	84.25
Paid for Postage	3.96 119.17

Balance Cash on Hand\$ 2.06

CLYDE R. GREENE, Treas.

The report of Finance Committee was read by G. W. Robbins and adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Received for Minutes\$80.15
 Received for United Dry Forces 19.47 99.62
 Paid to Treasurer\$99.62

Respectfully submitted,

.. G. W. ROBBINS

R. C. Eggers read the report on Nominations. This report will be found in the Associational Directory.

J. C. Canipe presented the report on Resolutions, which was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

We your Committee on Resolutions submit the following:

1. We recommend to the messengers of all our churches that you go home with renewed energy and a determination to give freely to the Lord's work of the means that God has blessed you with, remembering that God has said in His book, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Also He said, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof". Also let us remember that God says, "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine".

2. Let us resolve to pray without ceasing for the salvation of the lost, and for the powers of darkness to be driven from our land so that the kingdom of this world may become the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

3. Resolve that this Association give its thanks to Zionville Church and Community for the fine hospitality shown the Association during its Ninety-sixth Session.

4. Resolved, That the Association extend its sincere thanks to the officers for their efficient services for the past year and during this session.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. ROBBINS

J. C. CANIPE

The report of the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher was presented by A. J. Greene, and adopted.

REPORT OF TIME, PLACE, and PREACHER COMMITTEE

TIME—Tuesday and Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in August.

PLACE—Howard's Creek Baptist Church.

PREACHER—W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock.

Alternate: Phillip Fletcher, Zionville.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. WILLIAMS

A. J. GREENE

W. D. Farthing declined to serve longer as Moderator. W. C. Payne nominated R. C. Eggers for Moderator and there being no other nominations M. A. Adams cast the vote of the Association for R. C. Eggers for Moderator.

Clyde R. Greene was elected Clerk-Treasurer; and A. J. Greene was elected Historian.

By motion the Clerk was directed to have the Minutes printed and is allowed \$20.00 for this work.

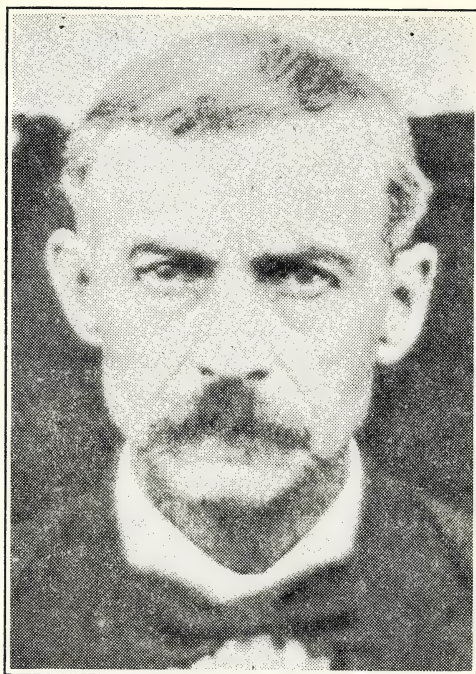
W. D. Farthing presented R. C. Eggers, the incoming Moderator, with a gavel made from wood from the first church building of Zionville Church.

The Minutes were read and approved.

E. C. Hodges led the closing worship, the closing prayer being offered by J. C. Canipe.

W. D. FARTHING, *Moderator*

CLYDE R. GREENE, *Clerk*



ELDER L. A. WILSON

Elder Lemuel Alexander Wilson, son of Lemuel and Empire Thomas Wilson, was born Sept. 5, 1861, at Tracy, N. C. He died December 22, 1935, at the age of 74 years.

He professed faith in Christ and joined Elk Knob Baptist Church at the age of 23. He began at once to take a deep interest in church work and was granted a license to preach in 1884. In August, 1891, he was ordained to the full work of the ministry. For 43 years he served 24 different churches as pastor in Watauga and adjoining counties. He was pastor of Meat Camp Church for 13 years; Pleasant Grove Church 11 years; Laurel Spring Church 9 years, and Union Church 15 years. During this time he also did much revival work and personally administered baptism to more than 1,000 people.

We of the Three Forks Baptist Association owe much to Brother Wilson and other pioneer Baptist preachers who laid well the foundation for the Baptist cause in Watauga County. It can be truly said of him that he worked without ceasing as a preacher and as a citizen to uplift his fellowmen. His greatest desire, which he often expressed, was that the world would accept Christianity. Another outstanding trait of Brother Wilson was his deep interest in young Christians, especially young preachers. He gave them needed encouragement and wise advice. A great man has fallen in Israel.

DEDICATED

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE
ANSWERED THE ROLL CALL SINCE OUR
LAST ASSOCIATION

BRUSHY FORK—

Mr. Jeff C. Anderson

Mrs. Donnie Mae Anderson

Mrs. Minnie Hayes

BEAVER DAM—

Mr. Jethro Wilson

COVE CREEK—

Mr. Ellis Moody

COOL SPRINGS —

Mrs. Bula Hartley

ELK KNOB—

Mrs. D. E. Hockedy

Mr. G. W. Johnson

FOREST GROVE—

Mr. Jacob Fletcher

Mr. James M. Eller

HOWARD'S CREEK—

Mrs. Ann Hayes

Mrs. Laura Greene

LAUREL SPRINGS—

Mr. William Brown

Mr. Armfield Waters

MT. LEBANON—

Mr. Andy Harmon

Mr. Clyde Danner

Mrs. Ester Hayes

MEAT CAMP—

Elder L. A. Wilson

MIDDLE FORK—

Deacon T. W. Triplett

MT GILLEAD—

Mr. W. G. Younce

MT. CALVARY—

Mrs. Julia Gilliam

OAK GROVE—

Mr. Charlie Teague

PLEASANT GROVE—

Mrs. Maude Eggers

POPLAR GROVE—

Mrs. George Maliba

Mr. Fred Setzer

Mrs. Rebecca Berry

RICH MOUNTAIN—

Miss Mae Ragan

SOUTH FORK—

Mr. M. H. Stansbury

Mrs. Pearl Holman

STONY FORK—

Mrs. J. J. Smith

THREE FORKS—

Mrs. Bill Bumgarner

Mr. W. D. Edmisten

TIMBERED RIDGE—

Mrs. Venie Colman

Mrs. Clay Tester

Mrs. Lou Johnson

UNION—

Mr. Hiram Greene

Mrs. Hannah Warren

WILLOW VALLEY—

Mrs. L. D. Harmon

ZION HILL—

Mrs. Mary Harmon

Miss Martha Harmon

Mrs. Mary Hagaman

ZIONVILLE—

Mr. George Greer

Mrs. Lillie Reece

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

THREE FORKS WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Baptist Association held its twenty-third annual meeting with Cove Creek Baptist Church, Aug. 21, 1936.

The Session was opened at 10:00 A. M. by singing, "Help Somebody Today." Phillip Fletcher conducted the devotional, using as his theme, "Our King," and as his text, Matthew 6:33. Special prayer was offered that Christ's Kingdom may come.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. S. F. Horton and the response by Mrs. E. E. Lafferty. The President, Mrs. Qualls, led the meeting in the watchword of the year, "Jesus said, As the Father hath sent me even so send I you," calling special attention to the theme of the year, "Sent to Serve."

Serving Through Personal Service was given by Mrs. D. P. Coffey, of Blowing Rock.

Serving Through the W. M. U. Specials, the Margaret Fund and the W. M. U. Training School was discussed by Mrs. Dare Strother.

The audience sang, "The Kingdom is Coming".

Serving as Stewards was given by Mrs. D. F. Horton, who introduced a Play which was presented by the Boone W. M. U., giving an ideal lesson on the duty of true Stewards of Christ.

"The Woman's Hymn" was sung and a quartet from Blowing Rock sang, "Ready".

The report of Librarian, Mrs. W. C. Greer, was read by Mrs. Allen.

The roll was called and the following societies reported with number of delegates as indicated: Blowing Rock, 10; Boone, 15; Cove Creek, 22; Mt. Calvary, 10; Poplar Grove, 8; Meat Camp, 2; Willow Valley, 3.

The Superintendent read her report and offered her resignation.

Mrs. Berryman, of Blowing Rock, sang, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought".

Mrs. Rodelle, who has spent some time in Brazil among the Missionaries, addressed the meeting, telling of the work there.

The Superintendent then appointed the following committees:

Resolutions—Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Ethel Hodges.

Recommendations—Mrs. Frank Miller, Mrs. J. A. Williams.

Time and Place—Mrs. Len Cook, Mrs. Howard Simpson, Mrs. Williams.

Nominations—Mrs. R. S. Swift, Mrs. Enoch Swift, Mrs. J. M. Shoemaker, Mrs. A. E. Moretz, Mrs. J. M. Hodges.

After prayer by Mrs. D. F. Horton and Phillip Fletcher the session adjourned for the noon hour.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was opened by singing, "Make Me a Channel of Blessings".

The Cove Creek G. A.'s and Sunbeams gave an interesting program. Margaret Adams represented the Y. W. A.'s.

The Boone G. A.'s and R. A.'s gave a playlet on "Give us a Chance."

Hymn, "Just as I Am Thine Own to Be".

Mrs. Nora Wilson, Young People's Leader, gave an address on "Have We Grown".

Young peoples' organizations from Boone, Cove Creek and Mt. Calvary reported.

Mrs. Eugene Coker, our Divisional Leader, from Mars Hill, gave an excellent address on "The Enlistment of Our Young People in Kingdom Service".

A collection was taken for the Minute Fund which amounted to \$3.46.

Mrs. J. C. Canipe read the report on Recommendations, which was adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Grateful for the many blessings that have come to us in the past year and believing that the coming years hold greater opportunities and a fuller realization of the powers of our God, we recommend:

1. That we take as our watchword for the year, "Jesus said, as the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." John 20:21.

2. That in view of prevailing disorder and bloodshed in some foreign countries, we earnestly pray for peace, and foster by all means in our power, the spirit of peace everywhere.

3. That each society observe the special week of prayer and special offerings. May we inform ourselves of the objects to be prayed for and remember these objects with our prayers and offerings.

4. That we endeavor as individuals and societies to promote the circulation of Royal Service, World Comrades, the Window, and The Biblical Recorder.

5. That we be loyal to the Margaret Fund Children that are here in our Southland finishing up their education.

6. That we take as our financial aim a 5 per cent increase over the gifts of last year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOSEPH WILLIAMS

MRS. W. F. MILLER

The following report on Resolutions was read and adopted:

RESOLUTIONS

The W. M. U. of the Three Forks Baptist Association wishes to thank the Cove Creek Union for its wonderful hospitality extended to us, particularly the delicious meal at the noon hour.

To Mrs. S. F. Horton we express our appreciation of her cordial welcome.

We cannot fully express our appreciation for the faithful work done by our officers throughout the year, most of all our beloved President, Mrs. Qualls. Her work has been wonderful in organizing new Unions and in planning and carrying out this program.

It is with deep regret that we learn that she is tendering her resignation. She has so faithfully and efficiently carried on her work and endeared herself to all our people that her place will be hard to fill.

We desire to express our appreciation and approval of the fine reports given of the work done throughout the Association. We rejoice in the Personal Work done in the Master's name.

To the pastors of the Association who have supported us in our work, we extend our deepest thanks and appreciation.

To those who have helped in this program today and made it so helpful and deeply spiritual, we wish to express our gratitude and extend the love of our hearts.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Minutes of this organization.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ETHEL HODGES

MRS. ROSA ALLEN

The report of the Time and Place Committee was adopted.

TIME AND PLACE REPORT

1. Time to be decided on later.
2. Place—Poplar Grove Baptist Church.

MRS. LEN COOK

MRS. HOWARD SIMPSON, Sr.

MRS. PAUL WILLIAMS

The Nominating Committee made the following report, which was adopted:

NOMINATIONS

Mrs. J. L. Qualls, Superintendent.

Mrs. Frank Miller, Assistant Superintendent

Mrs. S. F. Horton, Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. J. C. Canipe, Mission Study Chairman

Mrs. D. F. Horton, Personal Service Chairwoman.

Mrs. Brown, Stewardship Chairwoman.

Mrs. Nora Wilson, Young Peoples' Leader.

Mrs. R. C. Winebarger, Assistant Young Peoples' Leader.

Hymn, "Till We Meet Again".

On motion the meeting adjourned after prayer by Phillip Fletcher.

MRS. J. L. QUALLS, *Superintendent*

THELMA PERRY, *Sec'y Pro Tem.*

TABLE I. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC., THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION
YEAR ENDING JULY, 1936

CHURCHES		PASTORS AND POST OFFICES		GAINS								LOSSES				Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observances of Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper
Is It in a Village, Town or Country?	When Constituted?			Days of Meeting	Members Reported Last Year	Baptisms			Letters			Statements			Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	
						2	1	6	2	1	18	3	1	3						
Antioch.....	C	1849 W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock.	1	217	2	11	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	206	1	1	1	1	1
Beaver Dam.....	C	1874 P. C. Hodges, Adams.	2	130	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	138	1	1	1	1	1
Bethany.....	C	1898 F. C. Watts, Purlear.	2	99	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	100	1	1	1	1	1
Bethel.....	C	1851 W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rock.	4	280	22	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	301	1	1	1	1	1
Blowing Rock.....	T	1903 Phillip Fletcher, Zionville.	2	156	7	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	163	1	1	1	1	1
Boone.....	T	1870 J. C. Canipe, Boone.	1	463	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	466	1	1	1	1	1
Brookside.....	C	1932 L. N. Keller, Fleetwood.	4	30	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	30	1	1	1	1	1
Brushy Fork.....	C	1858 W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rock.	3	131	18	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	143	1	1	1	1	1
Cool Springs.....	C	1888 W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock.	4	89	12	5	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	107	1	1	1	1	1
Cove Creek.....	V	1799 Phillip Fletcher, Zionville.	1	242	12	9	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	259	1	1	1	1	1
Elk Knob.....	C	1885 A. E. Moretz, Boone.	3	66	4	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	66	1	1	1	1	1
Forest Grove.....	C	1889 J. C. Canipe, Boone.	3	136	8	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	143	1	1	1	1	1
Gap Creek.....	C	1880 J. C. Canipe, Boone.	3	119	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	119	1	1	1	1	1
Howards Creek.....	C	1882 E. C. Hodges, Adams.	4	128	21	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	124	1	1	1	1	1
Laurel Springs.....	C	1873 H. M. Winkler, Todd.	1	184	4	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	184	1	1	1	1	1
Meat Camp.....	C	1851 J. C. Canipe, Boone.	4	160	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	160	1	1	1	1	1
Middle Fork.....	C	1905 R. H. Shore, Blowing Rock.	2	137	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	137	1	1	1	1	1
Mt. Calvary.....	V	1880 Phillip Fletcher, Zionville.	2	159	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	159	1	1	1	1	1
Mt. Gilead.....	C	1869 E. J. Farthing, Sugar Grove.	1	75	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	75	1	1	1	1	1
Mt. Lebanon.....	C	1891 W. J. Cook, Boone.	1	176	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	176	1	1	1	1	1
Oak Grove.....	V	1916 F. C. Watts, Purlear.	1	176	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	172	1	1	1	1	1
Pleasant Grove.....	C	1892 W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rock.	2	323	11	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	323	1	1	1	1	1
Poplar Grove.....	C	1872 R. C. Eggers, Zionville.	2	164	35	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	164	1	1	1	1	1
Proffit Grove.....	C	1919 H. M. Winkler, Todd.	4	97	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	96	1	1	1	1	1
Rich Mountain.....	C	1905 J. R. Trivett, Trade, Tenn.	1	66	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	101	1	1	1	1	1
Shulls Mills.....	C	1888 R. C. Eggers, Zionville.	2	49	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	69	1	1	1	1	1
South Fork.....	C	1833 H. M. Winkler, Todd.	2	158	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	158	1	1	1	1	1
Stony Fork.....	C	1841 W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock.	2	205	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	205	1	1	1	1	1
Three Forks.....	C	1790 J. C. Canipe, Boone.	2	132	11	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	132	1	1	1	1	1
Timbered Ridge.....	C	1906 Tipton Greene, Boone.	2	84	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	84	1	1	1	1	1
Union.....	C	1885 Phillip Fletcher, Zionville.	3	237	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	237	1	1	1	1	1
Willowdale.....	C	1911 Roby Painter, Balm.	3	114	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	114	1	1	1	1	1
Willow Valley.....	C	1935 W. J. Cook, Boone.	2	79	15	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	79	1	1	1	1	1
Zion Hill.....	C	1886 Tipton Greene, Boone.	2	128	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	128	1	1	1	1	1
Zionville.....	V	1836 W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock.	3	166	6	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	166	1	1	1	1	1
Totals.....				5362	248	110	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	5362	2	2	2	2	2

TABLE II. SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, YEAR ENDING, JULY, 1936

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES										Is the School Graded?	Is It Standard A-1?	Teachers Holding Normal Diplomas	Baptisms From Sunday School	Contribution (Local Wk)	Gifts (Miss.) Given by Sunday School	Gr. Tot. for all Pur-poses Given by S. S.
	Beginners 3 to 5 Years	Primaries 6 to 8 Years	Juniors 9 to 12 Years	Intermediate 13 to 16 Years	Young People 17 to 24 Years	Adults 25 Years and Up	Cradle Rool Under 3 Years	Home Department	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment Inc. Officers, Teachers, Pupils							
Antioch.....	16	12	16	26	20	22	.....	.....	8	120	57	.....	.....	.....	22.49	14.76	37.25
Beaver Dam.....	10	9	16	32	19	15	.....	.....	10	111	65	.....	4	10	19.35	3.14	22.49
Bethany.....	7	10	6	10	8	34	.....	.....	5	40	50	.....	2	2	12.00	.....	12.00
Bethel.....	20	16	30	43	39	.....	.....	.....	10	198	77	.....	2	22	36.38	12.35	48.73
Blowing Rock.....	12	18	30	7	13	13	.....	.....	12	105	82	.....	.....	.....	50.49	17.20	67.69
Boone.....	18	35	60	43	246	177	40	.....	48	686	274	.....	30	14	.....	.....	.....
Brookside.....	4	6	7	6	8	5	.....	.....	4	40	30	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Brushy Fork.....	7	6	8	12	17	28	2	3	10	93	83	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coal Springs.....	15	16	29	30	59	38	.....	.....	27	214	122	.....	10	10	2.59	.....	29.49
Cove Creek.....	8	8	7	14	11	12	.....	.....	8	68	46	.....	.....	.....	2.59	.....	2.59
Elk Knob.....	12	18	20	22	36	24	.....	.....	6	138	72	.....	.....	.....	24.83	2.80	27.68
Forest Grove.....	19	16	20	17	18	20	.....	.....	9	119	59	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gap Creek.....	10	15	12	12	15	.....	.....	.....	6	70	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Howards Creek.....	14	13	31	34	22	32	4	.....	14	164	135	.....	1	4	19.28	.....	19.28
Laurel Springs.....	5	14	26	22	24	62	.....	.....	12	165	68	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
Meat Camp.....	14	11	21	23	19	.....	.....	.....	8	96	59	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middle Fork.....	11	16	8	12	16	30	.....	.....	8	101	65	.....	1	.....	23.94	21.06	45.00
Mt. Calvary.....	8	12	12	20	22	20	.....	.....	6	66	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14.00
Mt. Gilead.....	11	15	20	20	50	35	.....	.....	9	84	56	.....	.....	.....	63.00	.....	63.00
Mt. Lebanon.....	15	20	30	36	36	20	.....	.....	12	164	140	.....	2	.....	50.00	.....	50.00
Oak Grove.....	19	9	16	15	18	16	.....	.....	12	105	46	.....	2	30	13.00	11.00	24.00
Pleasant Grove.....	6	8	15	18	20	.....	.....	.....	7	92	53	.....	1	3	12.00	32.00	44.00
Peppiar Grove.....	13	17	15	30	20	.....	.....	.....	6	84	53	.....	4	.....	13.00	.....	13.00
Profit Grove.....	17	13	17	27	21	25	.....	.....	6	126	61	.....	.....	.....	14.11	81.91	96.02
Rich Mountain.....	20	12	20	30	22	28	.....	.....	12	152	75	.....	8	3	.....	.....	.....
Shulls Mills.....	15	15	19	18	25	12	.....	.....	8	112	60	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Fork.....	15	12	14	15	15	10	.....	.....	6	139	100	.....	3	.....	14.60	.....	14.60
Stony Fork.....	20	14	13	16	28	30	.....	.....	10	8	177	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Three Forks.....	9	10	14	12	20	34	4	.....	9	112	60	.....	5	.....	50.00	20.00	70.00
Timbered Ridge.....	8	9	14	15	15	40	.....	.....	9	118	60	.....	7	.....	20.00	15.00	35.00
Union.....	30	14	15	18	60	25	.....	.....	7	139	75	.....	.....	.....	17.18	2.75	19.93
Willowdale.....	8	9	15	16	18	.....	.....	.....	9	139	100	.....	.....	.....	492.24	233.87	755.70
Willow Valley.....	409	426	596	620	928	1070	62	53	302	4516	2613	.....	72	140	.....	.....	.....
Zion Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zionville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

No Mission Sunday Schools and No Vacation Bible Schools.

TABLE III. CHURCH PROPERTY OF THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSO., JULY, 1936

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	When Was It Built										Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Department Assembly Rooms	Number Separate Class Rooms	Value Church House and Grounds	Value Mission Chapel If Any	Value Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness On All Church Property	Insurance Carried
		Does Your Church Own Its House of Worship?	Y	1903	W	300	1	1	1	4	2500	...	2500	...	3500	...	3500	...	3500	...	15000	...
Antioch.....	L. Ward, Sugar Grove	Y	1903	W	350	1	1	1	1	4	2500	...	2500	...	3500	...	3500	...	3500	...	15000	...
Beaver Dam.....	C. B. Reese, Trade, Tenn.	Y	1924	W	200	1	1	1	1	4	2500	...	2500	...	3500	...	3500	...	3500	...	15000	...
Bethany.....	J. L. Triplett, Matney.	Y	1898	W	200	1	1	1	1	4	2500	...	2500	...	3500	...	3500	...	3500	...	15000	...
Bethel.....	Ivan Farthing, Sugar Grove.	Y	1934	B	400	7	1	1	1	6	5000	...	5000	...	17000	...	17000	...	17000	...	17500	...
Blowing Rock.....	C. T. Hartley, Blowing Rock.	Y	1934	W	200	8	1	1	1	7	17000	...	17000	...	5000	...	5000	...	5000	...	17000	...
Boone.....	J. T. C. Wright, Boone.	Y	1929	B	400	40	5	1	1	35	50000	...	50000	...	7500	...	7500	...	7500	...	17500	...
Brookside.....	Mrs. Rosa Greer, Buffalo Cove.	N	...	...	100	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brushy Fork.....	Blanche Anderson, Vilas.	Y	1881	W	300	6	1	1	1	5	4000	...	4000	...	1500	...	1500	...	1500	...	1500	...
Cool Springs.....	D. W. Mitchell, Blowing Rock.	Y	1910	W	400	11	1	1	1	10	15000	...	15000	...	1000	...	1000	...	1000	...	15000	...
Cove Creek.....	Hattie S. Lewis, Sherwood.	Y	1923	B	400	11	1	1	1	10	15000	...	15000	...	1000	...	1000	...	1000	...	15000	...
Elk Knob.....	W. C. South, Meat Camp, N. C.	Y	1885	W	200	1	1	1	1	1	500	...	500	...	500	...	500	...	500	...	500	...
Forest Grove.....	Alice Isaacs, Vilas.	Y	1907	W	450	1	1	1	1	1	1200	...	1200	...	1200	...	1200	...	1200	...	1200	...
Gap Creek.....	H. E. Greene, Deep Gap	Y	...	W	300	1	1	1	1	1	800	...	800	...	800	...	800	...	800	...	800	...
Howards Creek.....	L. F. Cottrill, Boone	Y	1900	W	300	1	1	1	1	1	2500	...	2500	...	2500	...	2500	...	2500	...	2500	...
Laurel Springs.....	W. H. Wagner, Boone	Y	1872	W	500	1	1	1	1	1	5000	...	5000	...	5000	...	5000	...	5000	...	5000	...
Meat Camp.....	D. L. Greene, Zionville	Y	1921	W	500	5	1	1	1	4	2000	...	2000	...	2000	...	2000	...	2000	...	2000	...
Middle Fork.....	Hall Shore, Blowing Rock	Y	1905	W	300	1	1	1	1	1	2000	...	2000	...	2000	...	2000	...	2000	...	2000	...
Mt. Calvary.....	R. C. Greene, Balm	Y	1933	B	400	5	1	1	1	4	6000	...	6000	...	6000	...	6000	...	6000	...	6000	...
Mt. Gilghead.....	O. H. Trivett, Beech Creek.	Y	1912	W	200	1	1	1	1	1	1500	...	1500	...	1500	...	1500	...	1500	...	1500	...
Mt. Lebanon.....	Ronda Earp, Vilas	Y	1891	W	300	1	1	1	1	1	900	...	900	...	900	...	900	...	900	...	900	...
Oak Grove.....	E. A. Hodges, Boone	Y	1922	W	400	1	1	1	1	1	2500	...	2500	...	2500	...	2500	...	2500	...	2500	...
Pleasant Grove.....	Roy Eggers, Zionville	Y	1892	W	500	9	1	1	1	8	1500	...	1500	...	1500	...	1500	...	1500	...	1500	...
Poplar Grove.....	T. C. Hodges, Shulls Mills	Y	1914	W	225	1	1	1	1	1	4000	...	4000	...	4000	...	4000	...	4000	...	4000	...
Profit Grove.....	C. M. Proffitt, Meat Camp.	Y	1919	W	300	1	1	1	1	1	1000	...	1000	...	1000	...	1000	...	1000	...	1000	...
Rich Mountain.....	Baxter Coulter, Zionville	Y	1919	W	200	1	1	1	1	1	1000	...	1000	...	1000	...	1000	...	1000	...	1000	...
Shulls Mills.....	G. W. Robbins, Shulls Mills.	Y	1889	W	250	1	1	1	1	1	2000	...	2000	...	2000	...	2000	...	2000	...	2000	...
South Fork.....	Will H. McGuire, Todd	Y	1901	W	300	1	1	1	1	1	2000	...	2000	...	2000	...	2000	...	2000	...	2000	...
Stony Fork.....	Russell Wellborn, Deep Gap	Y	1888	W	800	1	1	1	1	1	1200	...	1200	...	1200	...	1200	...	1200	...	1200	...
Three Forks.....	W. G. Todd, Boone	Y	1922	W	300	5	1	1	1	4	3000	...	3000	...	3000	...	3000	...	3000	...	3000	...
Timbered Ridge.....	Wade L. Greene, Feoria	Y	1912	W	300	1	1	1	1	1	800	...	800	...	800	...	800	...	800	...	800	...
Union.....	J. M. Burkett, Nabel	Y	1893	W	500	1	1	1	1	1	1000	...	1000	...	1000	...	1000	...	1000	...	1000	...
Willowdale.....	J. A. Bumgarner, Vilas	Y	1923	W	300	7	1	1	1	6	3000	...	3000	...	3000	...	3000	...	3000	...	3000	...
Willow Valley.....	Geo. Harmon, Sugar Grove	Y	...	W	200	1	1	1	1	1	800	...	800	...	800	...	800	...	800	...	800	...
Zion Hill.....	Lewis Harmon, Beech Creek.	Y	1884	W	400	3	1	1	1	2	1500	...	1500	...	1500	...	1500	...	1500	...	1500	...
Zionville.....	E. H. Wilson, Zionville	Y	1926	W	300	1	1	1	1	1	5000	...	5000	...	5000	...	5000	...	5000	...	5000	...
Totals.....											152400		152400		8800		8800		8800		141900	

TABLE IV. GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK OF THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSO.
YEAR ENDING, JULY 1936

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POSTOFFICES	Pastor's Salary							Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for S.S. B.Y.P.U. & W.M.S.	Help Given to Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk of Assn.	Other Objects	Total for Local Pur- poses Given by the Church and All its Organizations
		Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for S.S. B.Y.P.U. & W.M.S.	Help Given to Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk of Assn.							
Antioch.....	Edwin L. Glenn, Sugar Grove....	137.98	13.98	168.00	17.89	23.92		2.50							364.22
Beaver Dam.....	Lee Swift, Trade, Tenn.....	106.49	20.00		14.00	19.35		2.40							162.24
Bethany.....	W. L. Welch, Mauney.....	60.00	25.00					1.00							96.00
Bethel.....	W. W. Wilson, Sugar Grove.....	98.95	22.46		62.67	10.00		2.50							233.50
Blowing Rock.....	D. P. Coffey, Blowing Rock.....	273.63	60.35		53.70	50.49		1.85							480.64
Boone.....	G. P. Hagaman, Boone.....	1829.00	116.20	1943.59	434.03	358.69		15.00							4940.28
Brookside.....	Mrs. Rosa Greer, Buffalo Cove.....	36.80	3.00												33.80
Brushy Fork.....	Clay Greene, Vilas.....	133.43	33.49		9.48	28.42	122.78								317.60
Cool Springs.....	E. E. Carlton, Shulls Mills.....	28.37	8.75	5.50											63.74
Cove Creek.....	S. F. Horton, Sugar Grove.....	492.61	68.18	715.73	83.89	79.11	22.00	1.00							1487.97
Eik Knob.....	Sam S. South, Meat Camp.....	25.37	4.12	40.80			20.00								90.29
Forest Grove.....	Burl Isaacs, Vilas.....	62.69			2.00	23.98	21.00								109.53
Gap Creek.....	Lucy Greene, Deep Gap.....	79.25	105.11		6.75	14.97		1.71							217.65
Howards Creek.....	Mrs. W. L. Brown, Boone.....	115.00	29.65					3.25							179.73
Laurel Springs.....	W. H. Wagner, Boone.....	143.50	25.00		30.60	29.61		1.60							230.31
Meat Camp.....	M. C. Brown, Boone.....	120.10	2.75	27.11	70.33	20.28	13.75	3.00							258.40
Middle Fork.....	L. P. Hodges, Blowing Rock.....	74.71	16.71		18.24	21.90	7.26	2.03							145.35
Mt. Calvary.....	J. M. Shoemaker, Balm.....	179.73	49.21		55.25	23.94		2.00							290.13
Mt. Gillead.....	O. H. Trivett, Beech Creek.....	40.00													75.00
Mt. Lebanon.....	Clarence Epp, Vilas.....	36.75	18.00	63.00											148.20
Oak Grove.....	Joe McNeil, Vilas.....	95.00	22.00	296.80	11.00	18.04	10.15	1.00							474.88
Pleasant Grove.....	Roy Beggors, Zionville.....	139.90	30.06		24.75	30.04	24.75	1.00							250.30
Poplar Grove.....	Henry Austin, Shulls Mills.....	118.16	34.00	16.00	24.28	47.03	1.00	3.00							243.47
Profit Grove.....	C. M. Profit, Meat Camp.....	54.00	10.00		19.50	11.17	10.00	1.50							106.17
Rich Mountain.....	L. E. Beach, Zionville.....	41.35				12.00									53.35
Shulls Mills.....	J. B. Reed, Shulls Mills.....	50.00			5.00	13.00		3.00							71.00
South Fork.....	W. F. Norris, Todd.....	216.28	28.03		1.25	14.11	22.86	1.20							338.73
Stony Fork.....	D. L. Wellborn, Stony Fork.....	171.90	23.08	155.00	5.00	25.00	35.00	4.27							423.07
Three Forks.....	A. J. Edmisten, Boone.....	125.30	90.00		36.00	25.00		3.15							279.45
Timbered Ridge.....	E. B. Hagaman, Beech Creek.....	32.00	22.80			14.60	75	1.00							72.15
Union.....	M. L. Warren, Mabel.....	151.00	50.00	3.50	10.00	31.91	110.00								356.41
Willowdale.....	Cecil Glenn, Vilas.....	125.00				20.00		2.25							157.25
Wilflow Valley.....	Mrs. D. M. Edmisten, S. Grove.....	119.66	20.00	150.00	16.65	30.00	90.75	1.94							429.00
Zion Hill.....	Alvin Cannon, Beech Creek.....	83.45	20.78	20.00		7.09	1.61	1.00							133.93
Zionville.....	Dwight Eggers, Zionville.....	192.98	17.58		35.00	21.75	3.00	3.75							225.06
Totals.....		5696.27	734.83	3780.49	1000.10	1035.26	1140.11	65.95							13238.38

TABLE V. GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, EDUCATION AND ALL BENEVOLENCES. THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, YEAR ENDING JULY, 1936.

CHURCHES																	
	Total to Co-operative Program		Special to Association- al Missions	Special to State Missions		Special to Home Missions		Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Christian Education	Special to Orphanage		Special to Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	Other Special Gifts		Total Given for Mission and Benevolences by the Church and All Depts.	Grand Total All Purposes Given by Church and All Its Organizations.
	5.75	50		7.66	50	11.60	1.25			44.71	6.53			2.21	2.87			62.11	426.38
Antioch.....																	
Beaver Dam.....																	
Bethany.....																	
Bethel.....	42.46																
Blowing Rock.....	4.08																
Boone.....	150.00																
Brookside.....	2.00																
Brushy Fork.....																	
Cool Springs.....																	
Cove Creek.....	26.81																
Elk Knob.....	1.23																
Forest Grove.....	19.75																
Gap Creek.....	24.33																
Howards Creek.....																	
Laurel Springs.....																	
Meat Camp.....																	
Middle Fork.....		4.50	2.00	4.45	10.00	5.92	111.29	17.70	3.50	149.36	407.76	251.45	106.10	98.30	388.43	1758.42	1758.42
Mt. Calvary.....							86.30	12.00		21.00	96.00	154.20	6.00	21.00	96.00	154.20	154.20
Mt. Gilgoad.....							6.00			30.51	506.39	384.19	133.89	384.19	506.39	384.19	384.19
Mt. Lebanon.....							24.12	3.03		78.64	322.11	144.17	38.00	144.17	38.00	144.17	144.17
Oak Grove.....							31.00	1.00		32.00	85.35	122.75	32.00	32.00	85.35	122.75	122.75
Pleasant Grove.....							51.75			61.75	143.31	482.04	143.31	143.31	482.04	482.04	482.04
Poplar Grove.....							134.77	6.54		20.00	120.34	543.41	20.00	120.34	543.41	543.41	543.41
Profit Grove.....	4.32	1.08					92.00	5.42		89.26	368.71	164.66	89.26	368.71	164.66	368.71	368.71
Rich Mountain.....		3.00					46.31	11.05		92.18	164.66	92.18	92.18	164.66	92.18	164.66	164.66
Shulls Mills.....							83.31	5.01		53.07	409.48	270.75	53.07	409.48	270.75	409.48	409.48
South Fork.....							50.05	3.02		173.50	270.75	88.00	173.50	270.75	88.00	270.75	270.75
Stony Fork.....	31.90						90.00	2.50		88.00	517.00	236.17	88.00	517.00	236.17	517.00	517.00
Stony Fork.....	3.86						72.00	6.00		96.24	236.17	479.47	96.24	236.17	479.47	479.47	479.47
Timbered Ridge.....							297.02	15.00		5.41	947.43	479.47	5.41	947.43	479.47	479.47	479.47
Union.....	20.00						89.76	3.70		96.24	236.17	479.47	96.24	236.17	479.47	479.47	479.47
Willowdale.....	10.00						27.00			96.24	236.17	479.47	96.24	236.17	479.47	479.47	479.47
Willow Valley.....		2.78					27.00			96.24	236.17	479.47	96.24	236.17	479.47	479.47	479.47
Zion Hill.....							27.00			96.24	236.17	479.47	96.24	236.17	479.47	479.47	479.47
Zionville.....							27.00			96.24	236.17	479.47	96.24	236.17	479.47	479.47	479.47
Totals.....	346.49	45.24	50.18	110.77	5.92	2417.33	234.68	11.96	98.64	3391.69	10560.87	10560.87	98.64	3391.69	10560.87	10560.87	10560.87

TABLE VI. BAPTIST TRAINING UNION AND MEN'S BROTHERHOODS
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF THREE FORKS FOR YEAR ENDING, SEPT. 20, 1936

CHURCHES	Baptist Training Union with Director	Is Baptist Training Union A-1?	B. A. U's	Senior B. Y. P. U's	Inter. B. Y. P. U's	Junior B. Y. P. U's	Total B.A.U.-B.Y.P.U.	Story Hours	Adults Enrolled	Seniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Number Daily Bible Readers	Number Taking Study Course	Total Systematic Givers in all Unions	Students in College From Your Church
Blowing Rock.....	N	N	2	10	4	6	22	2	27	230	33	17	480	124	93	185	6
Boone.....	N	N	1	1	1	1	22	1	27	230	33	17	480	124	93	185	6
Cove Creek.....	N	N	1	1	1	1	22	1	27	230	33	17	480	124	93	185	6
Forest Grove.....	N	N	1	1	1	1	22	1	27	230	33	17	480	124	93	185	6
Poplar Grove.....	N	N	1	1	1	1	22	1	27	230	33	17	480	124	93	185	6
Union.....	N	N	1	1	1	1	22	1	27	230	33	17	480	124	93	185	6
Willowdale.....	N	N	1	1	1	1	22	1	27	230	33	17	480	124	93	185	6
Totals.....	N	N	2	10	4	6	22	2	27	230	33	17	480	124	93	185	6

**TABLE VII. W. M. U. ORGANIZATIONS AND GIFTS
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF THREE FORKS FOR YEAR ENDING JULY, 1936**

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. U. S. AND POST OFFICES	Number of Woman' Missionary Societies	Number of Y.W.A.'s	Number of G. A.'s	Number of R. A.'s	Number of Sunbeams	Total W. M. U. Organ.	W. M. S. Members	Y.W.A. Members	G.A. Members	R.A. Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Tot. Em. Mts. Study Cs.	Contribution (Local Work) Given by W.M.U.	Contributions (Missions) Given by W.M.U.	Grand Total All Purpos Given by W.M.U. and All Its Organizations
Antioch.....	Mrs. Virginia Harmon, Valle Crucis.	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	1	1	1	1	15	84.47	45.35	129.82	Grand Total All Purpos Given by W.M.U. and All Its Organizations
Blowing Rock.....	Mrs. D. P. Coffey, Blowing Rock.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	1	1	1	1	30	20.00	14.05	34.05	
Boone.....	Mrs. D. D. Dougherty, Boone.....	1	1	2	1	1	6	120	10	45	20	25	220	49.45	118.72	168.17	
Cove Creek.....	Mrs. S. F. Horton, Sugar Grove.....	1	1	1	2	1	7	45	18	18	27	1	108	49.45	118.72	168.17	
Mt. Calvary.....	Eva Chappell, Balm	1	1	1	1	1	3	24	8	20	8	20	52	40.00	23.86	63.86	
Meat Camp.....	Mrs. A. E. Moretz, Boone.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Poplar Grove.....	Mrs. Ethel Hodges, Shulls Mills..	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	1	1	1	13	1	1	19.85	
Stony Fork.....	Mrs. Geo. W. Harmon, Sugar Grove.	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	1	1	1	1	11	2.00	68.75	70.75	
Willow Valley.....		1	2	5	3	3	322	258	28	71	47	45	449	195.92	683.98	919.75	
Totals.....		9	2	5	3	3	322	258	28	71	47	45	449	195.92	683.98	919.75	

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- 9:00- 9:25—Devotional and Roll Call
- 9:25- 9:45—Address of Moderator
- 9:45-10:15—Religious Literature
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Noon Recess

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

DIRECTORY

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

R. C. Eggers, Moderator	Zionville, N. C.
Clyde R. Greene, Clerk-Treasurer	Boone, N. C.
A. J. Greene, Historian	Vilas, N. C.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

G. P. Hagaman, Chairman	Boone, N. C.
W. W. Wilson	Sugar Grove, N. C.
A. J. Greene	Vilas, N. C.
Mrs. D. P. Coffey	Blowing Rock, N. C.
W. D. Farthing	Boone, N. C.
R. C. Eggers	Zionville, N. C.
Clyde R. Greene	Boone, N. C.

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LIST OF NOMINATIONS

Missions—J. A. Williams, A. E. Moretz.
 Religious Literature—N. M. Greene, Vilas Minton.
 Associational Progress—Mrs. Ralph Greene, E. C. Hodges.
 Benevolences—J. C. Canipe, M. J. Williams.
 Temperance—Wade Brown, W. C. Payne.
 Christian Training—Tipton Greene, H. R. Eggers
 Woman's Work—Mrs. D. F. Horton, Mrs. J. L. Qualls.
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 Finances—Moderator to Appoint.
 Sunday School Director—S. C. Eggers, Boone, N. C.
 Baptist Training Union Director—Phillip Fletcher, Sherwood.
 Orphanage Director—Russell D. Hodges, Boone, N. C.
 Hospital Director—A. D. Wilson, Boone, N. C.
 Promotion Committee—N. M. Greene, Chairman, Boone, N. C.,
 S. C. Eggers, Boone, N. C., Phillip Fletcher, Sherwood, N. C., A.
 D. Wilson, Boone, N. C., Russell D. Hodges, Boone, N. C., Mrs.
 D. P. Coffey, Blowing Rock, N. C., and D. M. Edmisten, Sugar
 Grove, N. C.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION ORGANIZATION

Director	Phillip Fletcher, Sherwood, N. C.
Assistant Director	Clint Adams, Vilas
Secretary-Treasurer	Jamie Harmon, Sherwood
Adult Leader	Earnest Banner, Blowing Rock
Senior Leader	Ralph Greene, Boone
Intermediate Leader	Ella Austin, Shulls Mills
Junior Leader	Lelia Ayers, Boone
Story Hour Leader	Mattie Lou Harmon, Sherwood
Group Leaders	Albert Michael, J. T. C. Wright, Don Shell and Ila Greene

W. M. U. ORGANIZATION

Superintendent	Mrs. D. P. Coffey, Blowing Rock, N. C.
Assistant Supt.	Mrs. Clare Brown, ...
Secretary-Treasurer	Mrs. Clare Simpson, ...
Mission Study Chairwoman	Mrs. J. C. Canipe, Boone, N. C.
Personal Service Chairwoman ..	Mrs. D. F. Horton, Vilas, N. C.
Stewardship Chairwoman	Mrs. J. L. Qualls, Boone, N. C.
Young Peoples' Leader ..	Mrs. Phillip Fletcher, Sherwood, N. C.
Assistant Y. P. Leader	Mrs. R. C. Winebarger, Boone, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

Director	S. C. Eggers, Boone, N. C.
Assistant Director	Edwin Dougherty, Boone, N. C.
Secretary-Treasurer	Rena Mae Farthing, Boone, N. C.
Adult Leader	Mrs. D. P. Coffey, Blowing Rock, N. C.
Young Peoples' Leader	Mrs. R. C. Winebarger, Boone, N. C.
Intermediate Leader	Mrs. B. W. Stallings, Boone, N. C.
Primary Leader	Mrs. W. W. Wilson, Sugar Grove, N. C.

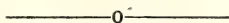
ORDAINED MINISTERS

ANTIOCH—G. W. Trivett, Vilas; W. H. Glenn, Sugar Grove.

BETHANY—J. T. McGuire, Linville.

BETHEL—L. C. Wilson, Sugar Grove; E. J. Farthing, Sugar Grove, Pastor Mt. Gilead Church.

- BOONE—Roy Dotson, Boone; Tipton Greene, Boone, Pastor Timbered Ridge Church; J. C. Canipe, Boone, Pastor Boone, Brushy Fork, Three Forks and Gap Creek Churches.
- COOL SPRINGS—W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock, Pastor Antioch, Zion Hill and Zionville Churches.
- COVE CREEK—Phillip Fletcher, Sherwood, Pastor Cove Creek, Blowing Rock, and Mt. Calvary Churches; Arthur Sherwood, Ervin, Tenn.
- GAP CREEK—W. C. Greene, Laxon, Pastor Laurel Springs Church.
- LAUREL SPRINGS—J. L. Greene, Deep Gap.
- MEAT CAMP—A. E. Moretz, Boone.
- MIDDLE FORK—R. H. Shore; J. J. Matney, Blowing Rock; A. B. Church, Boone.
- MT. CALVARY—Roby Painter, Balm, Pastor Willowdale Church.
- MT. GILEAD—Lee Norris, Whaley, N. C.
- MT. LEBANON—J. R. Shore, Vilas; Vilas Minton, Vilas, Pastor Stony Fork and Shulls Mills Churches.
- OAK GROVE—E. C. Hodges, Boone, Pastor Howard's Creek and Rich Mountain Churches.
- SHULLS MILLS—James Hodges, Shulls Mills.
- STONY FORK—H. H. Smith; T. S. Robbins, Deep Gap.
- THREE FORKS—Raymond Hendrix, Boone, N. C.
- WILLOWDALE—A. J. Greene, Vilas, N. C.
- WILLOW VALLEY—D. M. Edmisten, Sugar Grove, Pastor Meat Camp and Pleasant Grove Churches.
- ZIONVILLE—R. C. Eggers, Zionville, Pastor Forest Grove and Poplar Grove Churches.



LICENTIATES

- BRUSHY FORK—Grady Minton, Vilas, N. C.
- MT. LEBANON—T. T. Danner, Valle Cruics, N. C.

ROLL OF MESSENGERS

ANTIOCH—Doughton Greene, W. D. Harman and M. L. Shepherd.

BEAVER DAM—G. W. Robinson, Dean Reece and Lee Swift.

BETHANY—Victor Farthing, Henry Michael and Perry Watson.

BETHEL—D. C. Hagaman, Bert Farthing and W. W. Wilson.

BLOWING ROCK—Mrs. D. P. Coffey, Lucille Coffey and M. C. Johnson.

BOONE—W. D. Farthing, A. D. Wilson and Clyde R. Greene.

BROOKSIDE—Mrs. D. R. Ford, Mrs. Julia Penley and Jean Ford.

BRUSHY FORK—D. S. Love, Gordon Hodges and J. Frank Wilson.

COOL SPRINGS—E. E. Carlton, Kenneth Payne, and L. C. Rogers.

COVE CREEK—D. F. Horton, Mrs. D. F. Horton and Lawrence Moody.

ELK KNOB—W. C. South, Sam S. South and J. M. Brown.

FOREST GROVE—J. M. Johnson, Dave Green and W. E. Roark.

GAP CREEK—H. E. Greene, A. G. Miller and Thomas Fairchild.

HOWARD'S CREEK—N. L. Barnes, J. E. Norris and J. H. Jones.

LAUREL SPRINGS—W. M. Day, J. H. Greene and Thomas Greer.

MEAT CAMP—Manley Greene, N. M. Greene and H. S. Jones.

MIDDLE FORK—A. C. Shoemaker, Bloom Triplett and W. T. Vandyke.

MT. CALVARY—R. E. Smith, Claude Gilliam and Carson Mastin.

MT. GILEAD—Charles Trivett, Charles Staton and A. E. Warren.

MT. LEBANON—T. T. Danner, B. A. Hodges and John Earp.

OAK GROVE—Mrs. Lionel Ward, Mrs. Ralph Greene and Cleve Gross.

PLEASANT GROVE—R. H. Townsend, Roy Eggers and A. A. Perry.

POPLAR GROVE—M. W. Day, G. L. Hodges and B. A. Cook.

PROFFIT GROVE—A. J. Bryan, Frank Winebarger and W. A. Proffitt.

RICH MOUNTAIN—L. E. Beach, Wray Beach and R. L. Ragan.

SHULLS MILLS—J. B. Reed, C. M. Shore and Spencer Day.

SOUTH FORK—Leslie Norris, W. H. McGuire and W. G. Cook.

STONY FORK—V. O. Greene, R. W. Smith and D. L. Wellborn.

THREE FORKS—J. C. Brookshire, I. T. Barnett and W. H. Hayes.

TIMBERED RIDGE—T. C. Tester, John Ward and A. C. Greene.

UNION—Solomon Eggers, J. M. Burkett and J. F. Oliver.

WILLOWDALE—A. J. Greene, Francis Hicks and Mrs. Wiley Walker.

WILLOW VALLEY—Custer Ward, Mrs. Clara Simpson and Mrs. Ivalee Harmon.

ZION HILL—Gradon Hagaman, Alvin Cannon and M. A. Ward.

ZIONVILLE—A. N. Brown, Kemp Wilson and Will Reece.

PROCEEDINGS
of the
NINETY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Held With
HOWARDS CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
BOONE, N. C.

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FIRST DAY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1937

MORNING SESSION

The Ninety-Seventh Annual Session of the Three Forks Baptist Association met with Howards Creek Baptist Church, Boone, N. C., Tuesday, August 24th, 1937 at 9:00.

The Session was opened by singing "Amazing Grace," after which Vilas Minton led prayer especially invoking the presence of the Holy Spirit during the sessions of the Association. "How Firm A Foundation" was sung and Tipton Greene read the 12th chapter of Romans and offered prayer.

The Moderator, R. C. Eggers, called the Ninety-Seventh Session to order for the transaction of business.

The Constitution and Rules of Decorum of the Association were read by the Clerk.

The report of the Committee on Order of Business was read by the Clerk and upon motion of Tipton Greene was adopted as read.

The Following Committees were appointed by the Moderator:

NOMINATIONS—N. M. Greene, W. D. Farthing and L. E. Beach.

FINANCE—V. O. Greene and T. C. Hodges.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER—Lionel Ward, D. L. Wellborn and A. J. Greene.

The roll of the churches and committee chairmen who were to report to this session was called by the Clerk.

The Moderator added W. D. Farthing to the Committee on Missions and A. E. Moretz to the Committee on Obituaries.

The Moderator recognized the following visitors: J. A. Wilson, Muskagee Association of Oklahoma; J. A. McKaughan, M. A. Adams, representing the United Dry Forces; Smith Haggan, Superintendent Baptist Hospital; M. A. Huggins, Secretary North Carolina Baptist Mission Board; J. A. McMillan, representing North Carolina Baptist Orphanage; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gragg, Stony Fork Association; W. R. Beach, representing Biblical Recorder; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Worley, Watauga Association, Tenn.; J. M. Vannoy, Washington County Association of Virginia.

The Moderator introduced the following new pastors who were enrolled: Vilas Minton and D. M. Edmisten.

The Moderator delivered his annual address, using as his text Romans 6:16, his subject being, "Giants." Basing his opinion on years of experience as pastor of 18 of the 35 churches of the Three Forks Association, he asserted that the "Giant" in the pathway of the Church today is INDIFFERENCE on the part of the membership. Using a painting to illustrate his talk he observed that indifference steals the members away from the Church and all her objectives.

The report on Religious Literature was read by Mrs. Ralph G. Greene and on motion to adopt by W. D. Farthing was discussed by W. R. Beach and adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

An opportunity which should be proudly accepted by each church in the Three Forks Association is that of helping to select the reading material for her members. The Sunday School affords much help in this connection through the literature used for all ages. The B. Y. P. U. and the W. M. U. publications also help in informing our people regarding our work at home and abroad. Training courses should also have their place in our churches with their emphasis on soul winning, church finances and other topics.

Our Baptist publishing houses furnish all kinds of good, helpful books at reasonable cost which should appeal to our leaders.

It would be wise for all our church members to read the "Biblical Recorder," in which we find many helpful ideas and much valuable information as to the activities of our denomination. "Charity and Children" brings us much good material and presents us with a picture of our Orphanage.

Last, but not least, there is the Bible which is the Book of Books and upon which is based all good literature. We should read all our Baptist publications together with the Bible.

Let us go from here with a firm resolution to better ourselves by reading good literature and also let us discourage the reading of bad or questionable materials.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. RALPH G. GREENE.

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Tipton Greene read the report on Temperance which was discussed by Tipton Greene, J. A. McKaughan, J. A. Williams and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Since the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, we believe, the subject of Temperance is the most vital question confronting our churches and people; because of the increased drinking which is bringing destruction to our people and which is lowering their morals. The liquor traffic is not the only evil. There are organized efforts to legalize other evils that go hand in hand with the liquor traffic.

We are facing an uphill fight. This fight for God and humanity cannot be won by apologetic preaching or drinking church leaders. If our people are to be saved from the ravages of strong drink the victory must be won by the Church with the active leadership of the preachers and the backing of the membership. The very existence of our churches is seriously threatened by this evil and your committee earnestly begs our ministers and church members to rise up and fight as they have never fought before to promote the cause of temperance. To your tents, O Israel.

Respectfully submitted,

TIPTON GREENE.

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A collection amounting to \$8.86 was taken for the United Dry Forces and turned over to J. A. McKaughan.

The Annual Sermon being next in order, W. C. Payne read from the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke and R. C. Eggers led prayer.

Brother Payne then delivered an inspiring message using

as his text, "Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me." Subject, "Leadership in Our Churches." He emphasized the following thoughts:

1. No church will go further than her spirit-filled leadership.
2. Greatest need of present church is spirit-filled leaders.
3. Right leadership leads to God, wrong kind to destruction.
4. Prayer necessary in selecting pastors and leaders.
5. Pastor and church should follow commands of Jesus.
 - A. In Humbleness
 - B. In Doctrine.
 - C. In Teaching.
 - D. In Work.

Grady Minton offered the closing prayer and the morning session adjourned.

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened at 1:00 o'clock, the devotional service being conducted by D. M. Edmisten.

The report on Missions was read by W. D. Farthing. After a motion to adopt, by A. E. Moretz, it was discussed by M. A. Huggins and adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

"Missions is our mission," said one noted minister. Truly this is the one supreme task of Missionary Baptist. We are to carry the "Bread of Life and the Water of Life" to all lost people in all the wide, wide world. We have the Whole Gospel for the whole world. Your committee would urgently request and recommend that each and every church in the Three Forks Association take an offering for Missions and the Cooperative Program at least once a month, preferably on preaching days, when the congregation is largest. And we further suggest that this offering be sent in to headquarters at Raleigh each month. We heartily commend the churches that have been doing this as good examples is cooperative Christian leadership in our association.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. CANIPE.

A. E. Moretz read the report on Benevolences which was adopted after being discussed in a general way by A. E. Moretz; J. A. McMillan and Clyde R. Greene from the standpoint of our Orphanage and Smith Hagaman and A. D. Wilson as to the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem.

Bro. Hagaman used some very interesting statistics in his discussion which are given here. Last year 5,000 patients applied for admission, some 4,000 being admitted. Of this number 86 were from the Three Forks Association. Some of these 86 paid for the services rendered, others paid part and still others were unable to pay, yet all were cared for. The free services for this group amounted to about \$8,000.00. They have 66 doctors and 55 nurses. This year they have a class of 30 new nurses. This year 1,800 Baptist Churches throughout North Carolina gave more than \$20,000.00 as Mother's Day offering for the Hospital. Bro. Wilson urged each church in our association to take a Mother's Day offering for the Hospital this associational year.

Our Orphanage has cared for 4,406 children since its founding—3,330 in the orphanage and 1076 by Mothers' Aid. At present there are 585 children in the orphanage. Of this number 14 as follows are from Watauga County: Obed, Dorothy and Howard Day; Clarence Jeter and Bonnie Jean Greene; Carrol, Clyde and Myrtle Mae Hartley; Samuel Edward, Lewis Lee, Helen Beach and Mary Martha Day. These children are of four families. Mrs. Octavia Coffey, of Blowing Rock and five children are receiving Mothers' Aid. Carl Day graduated this summer and is now taking a Business course in Winston-Salem, N. C.

Clyde R. Greene, Orphanage Director, called the roll of churches and asked each to take the once-a-month collection in the Sunday School for the Orphanage. All churches represented by delegates indicated their intention of doing this.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCES

Your committee finding that contributions to Benevolences have made gains last year in some phases, wishes to make some observations and recommendations.

In reading the New Testament we find that Christ was God's gift to the world; and that Christ gave His life and His all. He empha-

sized over and over again this factor in Christian living above all others with the single exception, "Love one another."

If in your church there is lack of interest, unity or love, let us suggest the greatest remedy we know—an increased interest in our benevolent work.

We believe that with increased activity in giving will come greater happiness and greater service in Christ's Kingdom.

We respectfully recommend:

1. That every church stress stewardship.
2. That every member give beyond the tithe.
3. That every Sunday School make a regular monthly offering to our orphanage.
4. That the Mothers' Day offering for our Hospital be emphasized and increased.
5. That small gifts be emphasized.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. MORETZ.

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Closing worship was conducted by Phillip Fletcher and the association adjourned to meet at 9:00 Wednesday morning.

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SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Moderator called the association to order at 9:00. J. A. Morgan, a visitor from Raleigh Association, conducted the devotional service.

A. J. Greene read the report on Obituaries and on motion to adopt by W. D. Harmon was discussed by A. J. Greene, A. E. Moretz, Phillip Fletcher, R. C. Eggers, W. D. Farthing, Clyde R. Greene and Smith Hagaman and was adopted. Smith Hagaman offered a special prayer in memory of our departed members. A motion carried that a short biography and photograph of D. L. Greene, deceased, who was a member of the Executive Committee of the association, be placed in the minutes, the family of Bro. Greene to bear the expenses of same. This motion also provided that the same be done for any other deceased member whose family or friends defrayed the expenses.

Mrs. Odes Wilson presented the report on Woman's Work which was adopted after being discussed by Mrs. D. F. Horton, A. E. Moretz and Tipton Greene.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

"Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zech. 4:6. It is with such powerful, meaningful watchword that the missionary-minded women have gone forth this year in their attempts to carry out the last command of Jesus, that of making disciples of all nations. The only way Jesus provided for a lost world to know Him as Savior is through His people, those who know Him *in* heart and soul. The W. M. U. seeks to make Jesus known at home and abroad by giving of their means to carry the Gospel to those who know not the Savior, by teaching and training the youth in missionary activities, through mission study and prayer and through personal service deeds; putting into practice those words of Jesus, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." We realize that we cannot go forth and conquer for Christ in our own strength, but that we must have the Spirit of Christ dwelling in us and working through us. "By my Spirit, saith the Lord." These words search and try our hearts. There must be a personal yielding of ourselves, our wills, our minds, our hearts, our hands, our feet. The Spirit must be allowed His way in our individual lives first of all. By the Spirit of the Lord have the women proclaimed Him Lord and Master.

The annual W. M. U. meeting was held with Poplar Grove Church in July. It was one of the most spiritual and uplifting meetings in our history, a wonderful spirit of Christian fellowship being experienced. The reports of work being done were most encouraging. There are ten active Woman's Missionary organizations and thirteen young peoples' organizations with a total membership of 500. During the past year the gifts in cash to missions and benevolences were \$508.69. Besides this much has been done in our own churches and communities, amounting to \$750.00. Many personal service deeds have served our Master.

By His Spirit, let us conquer the world for Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. NORA M. WILSON

MRS. D. F. HORTON.

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The report of the Executive Committee was presented by A. J. Greene, the secretary of the Committee. A. J. Greene, R. C. Eggers, Tipton Greene, W. D. Ashley and Grady Minton discussed the report and it was adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We Recommend:

1. That each of our churches establish a roll of her active membership.

2. That each church, in the spirit of Christian love, seek to practice church discipline as taught in the New Testament.

3. That the Pastor's Conference be commended.

4. That a Pastor's School be recommended.

5. That the Promotion Committee meet quarterly and plan its work.

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The report on Associational Progress was read by Wade Brown, who led the discussion, followed by W. D. Harman, Lee Swift, Bert Farthing, Phillip Fletcher, W. D. Farthing, D. S. Love, W. D. Ashley, Dave Greene, Jack Norris, Thomas Greer, and N. M. Greene.

Association adjourned for noon recess, benediction by Tipton Greene.

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association reconvened at 1:00, the devotional service being conducted by Grady Minton.

The discussion of the report on Associational Progress was continued by B. A. Hodges, M. W. Day, A. J. Bryan, L. E. Beach, W. H. McGuire, V. O. Greene, Basil Tester, A. J. Greene, Kemp Wilson and M. A. Ward. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL PROGRESS

	1935-36	1936-37	Loss or Gain
Membership — — — — —	5291	5341	50 Gain
Baptisms — — — — —	248	197	51 Loss
Sunday Schools — — — — —	4516	4341	175 Loss
B. Y. P. U. Enrollment — —	480	451	29 Loss
Woman's Missionary Union —	449	584	135 Gain
Local Contributions— —	\$13,238.38	\$20,906.08	\$7,667.70 Gain
Missions and Ben. — —	3,221.83	3,096.49	135.44 Loss
Total Gifts— — — — —	16,560.21	24,002.57	7,442.36 Gain

Last year 34 churches gave \$2,417.33 to the Orphanage; in 1937 33 churches gave \$1,762.24, or a loss of \$655.09. Last year 25 churches gave \$234.33 to our hospital, this year 30 churches gave \$385.89, gain of \$151.56.

Respectfully submitted,
WADE BROWN.

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The report on Christian Training was presented by Phillip Fletcher who discussed same and it was adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN TRAINING

"And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, why stand ye here idle? They say unto him, because no man hath hired us." Matt. 20: 6, 7.

We have in the Southern Baptist Convention today 4,482,315 church members. There are only around 700,000 of these in training. Truly, we may ask, why stand ye here all the day idle.

Now Paul in writing to a young Christian said, "Neglect not the gift that is in thee." I Tim. 4:14. This implies, of course, that every church member has a gift. Since this is true, every new born soul is susceptible of growth. From a practical viewpoint growth is service. Church members are not in training for service, but in training in service. His training is not complete until he carries it out every day in the week in actual Christian living and doing the things Jesus has commanded. Jesus said, "Teach them to observe all things I have commanded you, and lo I am with you."

Some of the activities of our Associational B. T. U. this year were the conducting of seven Training Schools, which resulted in the awarding of eighty five seals; one Associational Meeting; thirty-five young people attending one Regional Meeting where they all took part on the program; seven attending the Officers and Leaders Conference at Statesville and nine attending the State Assembly at Ridgecrest Aug. 9-16.

About nine new unions and two general organizations have been formed this year. Our training work now includes all ages, and this has added interest to the work.

We recommend that each church elect a Director for the training of our church members whether they are organized at present or not.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILLIP FLETCHER

MISS ELLA AUSTIN.

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S. C. Eggers read the report on Sunday Schools which was adopted after discussion by S. C. Eggers and J. A. Wilson.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We have 35 Sunday Schools in our 35 churches. In all these Sunday Schools we have the faithful few who carry on through all kinds of weather and conditions. The children and young people are in the big majority in attendance. The falling off in attendance among the adults is seriously affecting the work. Young people are thereby caused to believe that if parents and older people are absent themselves from the Sunday Schools that there is not much to it after all and they too, feel like breaking away, going to the ball game or whatever the Sunday amusements may be.

The crying need in our Sunday Schools today is for teachers,

qualified teachers, teachers who know the Lord and love to teach His word. People only do the best they know. The Bible is not being taught as it should be and our people are learning other things and are not using the Biblical standard of living because they do not know what it is.

Indifference on the part of adults toward Sunday School work is alarming. We should like to suggest that we have a Sunday School revival and try to enlist more adults in the work. We are proud of our organizations in every church, but to maintain this work, we must enlist others as well as hold what we have. We have more than 300 fine teachers, but teachers can't teach those who do not come.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. EGGERS, Sunday School Director.

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Jack Norris read the following history of Howard's Creek Baptist Church:

Howard's Creek Baptist Church was constituted Aug. 19, 1882 by Elders John Hughes and Larkin Hodges, with the following members: Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Norris, Rev and Mrs. Edmond Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Greene, Mr. and Mrs. John Hodges, Fannie Greene, B. E. Greene, W. R. Greene, Edward G. Minton, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Minton and Mr. and Mrs. Silas Penley. Of these charter members only W. R. Greene survives. The church has worshipped in two different buildings. The first building, which was of logs, stood near the home of E. J. Norris who was for a number of years church Clerk. The records of the church from the beginning are preserved. In 1900 a new building was erected which has been remodeled recently.

The pastors who have served this church are as follows: John Hughes, David Greene, W. F. Knight, J. H. Farthing, L. C. Wilson, S. L. Fox, Edmond Greene, L. A. Wilson, E. M. Gragg, D. M. Wheeler, R. H. Shore, L. B. Murry, W. C. Payne and E. C. Hodges, the present pastor.

The Treasurer's Report was read and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance from last year — — — — —	\$ 2.06
Received for United Dry Forces — — — — —	19.47
Received for Minutes — — — — —	80.15
Received for Minutes from W. M. U. — — — — —	3.46

Total — — — — — \$105.14

Paid to United Dry Forces	_____	\$19.47	
Paid for Minutes	_____	81.00	
Paid for Postage	_____	3.66	\$104.13
	Balance Cash on Hand	_____	\$ 1.01

CLYDE R. GREENE, Treas.

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T. C. Hodges read the report of Finance Committee which was adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Received for Minutes	_____	\$86.89
Paid to Treasurer	_____	86.89

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. HODGES

V. O. GREENE

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W. D. Farthing read the report on Nominations. This report will be found in the Associational Directory.

The report of Resolution Committee was presented by N. M. Greene and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

1. We recommend to the messengers, pastors and churches of the Three Forks Association, that we undertake to be doers of the Word and not hearers only; that we prayerfully seek Divine guidance in all our religious activities, and that we discourage self-seeking, bickerings and everything that hinders Kingdom progress.

2. That we strongly recommend that our pastors refuse to serve more than four churches, realizing that to undertake to serve more than four churches works a hardship on both preacher and churches.

3. That we recommend the discontinuance of pastoral elections by absentee ballots.

4. That we extend our heartfelt thanks to Howards Creek Church for her hospitality during the Ninety-seventh Session of the Three Forks Association.

5. That we extend to the Officers of the Association our thanks for their patient and efficient services.

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. GREENE

M. J. WILLIAMS.

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A. J. Green read the report on Time, Place and Preacher which was adopted.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Time—Tuesday and Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in August, 1938.

Place—Oak Grove Baptist Church, Boone, N. C.

Preacher—Phillip Fletcher, Sherwood, N. C.

Alternate—Vilas Minton, Vilas, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. GREENE

D. L. WELLBORN

LIONEL WARD.

A. J. Greene reported briefly for the Committee appointed last year to make preparations for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the Three Forks Association, which will occur in 1940.

Officers were elected as follows:

R. C. EGGERS, Moderator.

CLYDE R. GREENE, Clerk-Treasurer.

A. J. GREENE, Historian.

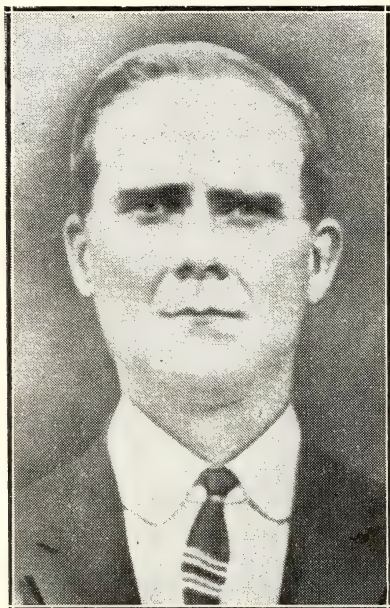
By motion the clerk is directed to prepare the manuscript for the minutes and to have same printed and distributed to the churches and is allowed \$20.00 for this work.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Tipton Greene led the closing worship and the Ninety-seventh Session of Three Forks Association adjourned.

R. C. EGGERS, Moderator.

CLYDE R. GREENE, Clerk.

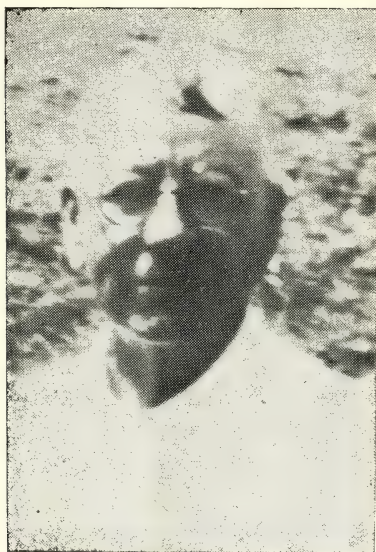
D. L. GREENE

The dates—Sept. 6, 1877 and Sept. 12, 1936—mark the earthly existence of David Linney Greene. He was the son of Manley Greene and Eliza Brown Greene. On March 12, 1906, he married Bessie Wilson, a daughter of the late Elder L. A. Wilson. Four sons, Verne, Frank, Woodrow and Berl, blessed this union.

Ero. Greene spent his entire life in the Meat Camp section. His occupation was farming, in which he took much interest. At no time did he indulge in idleness, industry being one of his many virtues. He kept his farm in good condition. His entire life was one of uprightness, honesty and truthfulness. As a citizen he stood for the best interests of his community.

The most significant date is Dec., 1895, when he was born from above. He joined Meat Camp Baptist Church. In sunshine and in rain he delighted to attend the church services. He served his church in various positions, being Superintendent of the Sunday School, Church Clerk and Sunday School Teacher at various times. His whole soul went into his work. Whatever he undertook, he did well. Surely, a prince in Israel has fallen. A dutiful son, and good father and husband, an outstanding citizen, a great child of God has laid down the burdens of life and is resting with the Lord.

JOHN H. MAST



The dates—October 10, 1858 and January 14, 1937—mark the earthly pilgrimage of John H. Mast. He was married on Dec. 2, 1877, to Emily McBride, who died on Oct. 16th, 1878. He was married on March 16, 1882, to Nancy E. Wilson. She died March 25, 1925.

“Uncle John,” as he was better known, was a faithful member of the Baptist Church for 63 years, having professed faith in Christ and becoming a member of Cove Creek Baptist Church at the age of 15 years. In 1894 he moved his membership to Pleasant Grove Church, where he remained a member until 1931, when he moved his membership back to Cove Creek. He was a loyal member and deacon.

He was not a public speaker, but was active in Kingdom work, as the following facts will show. He was 28 times a messenger to the Three Forks Association; served on the Associational Executive Committee 8 years; served as a member of other committees for 8 years and kept a complete file of the minutes from the time he became a church member until his death. In the work of his church he was faithful, being Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Superintendent and Church Clerk over a long period of time.

The sweet memories of his Christian life, his kind heart and true friendship still linger with us.

In quiet ways you walked, disdaining throngs,
Of simple words you built your plaintive songs;
And now with reverence we speak your name—
Who asked of life but love, received but fame.

DEDICATED

To the Memory of Those Members Who Have Answered The
Last Roll Call Since Our Last Association.

ANTIOCH:

Mrs. Jane Tester
Mrs. Mary Glenn
Mr. S. M. Glenn

BETHEL:

Mrs. Grace Norris

BOONE:

Mrs. Mary F. Perkins
Mrs. John W. Hodges
Mr. Chas. L. Younce

BROOKSIDE:

Mrs. Mary L. Church

BRUSHY FORK:

Mrs. Amanda Love
Mrs. Martha Love
Mrs. Sarah Rowe
Mrs. Clarissa Hayes
Deacon Tilman Adams

COVE CREEK:

Deacon John H. Mast
Mrs. Lawrence Moody

ELK KNOB:

Mr. Hram Hockedy

FOREST GROVE:

Mrs. Nancy Winebarger

GAP CREEK:

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Mrs. Gladys Teague

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Mrs. Emma Wilson
Mr. Lewis Bryan
Mrs. Belle Lawrence

POPLAR GROVE:

Mrs. Harriett Oxentine

SOUTH FORK:

Mr. M. M. Trivett
Mr. J. C. Phillips
Mrs. Lola Parsons

UNION:

Mr. Jasper L. Thomas
Mrs. Rachel Greene

WILLOWDALE:

Deacon J. F. Smith

ZIONVILLE:

Mrs. Molissa Warren
Mrs. Mary Roten
Mrs. Caroline Dotson
Mr. J. C. Jones

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THREE FORKS WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Association held its Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting with Poplar Grove Baptist Church July 30th, 1937.

The session was opened at 10:00 A. M. by singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." Mrs. Clare Simpson, of Willow Valley conducted the devotional, reading the 11th chapter of Acts, followed by prayer by Phillip Fletcher.

The address of welcome by Mrs. Lettie Day, response by Mrs. Herman Wilcox after which the congregation sang, "Christ for the World We Sing." Mrs. T. M. Dunkley gave a brief history of this hymn.

Mrs. D. F. Horton, Chairwoman of the Personal Service Committee gave a very interesting talk, followed by Mrs. J. C. Canipe, Chairwoman of Mission Study, who discussed Missions in a very helpful manner.

"With Loving Zeal" was the theme of Mrs. Phillip Fletcher's talk on the Margaret Fund and W. M. U. Training Schools. Her talk was both interesting and inspiring. Mrs. D. P. Coffey, of Blowing Rock, followed with a marvelous discussion on "Fervent Prayer."

A trio from Boone, Mrs. T. M. Dunkley, Mrs. R. C. Winebarger and Ruby Winkler, rendered special music.

The roll was called and the following societies reported with the number of delegates as indicated: Boone 22, Blowing Rock 5, Cove Creek 6, Stony Fork 4, Poplar Grove 7, Meat Camp 2, and Willow Valley 2. Mount Calvary, Antioch and Gap Creek sent reports but no delegates.

The Superintendent gave her report which showed that splendid work had been done by the societies during the past year with increased membership and interest in the work.

The following committees were appointed by the Superintendent:

OBITUARIES—Mrs. Willard Beach.

NOMINATIONS—Mrs. J. J. Coffey, Mrs. Odes Wilson, Mrs. S. C. Eggers, Mrs. J. M. Shoemaker, Mrs. R. L. Wagner, Mrs. Howard Foster and Miss Emma Ward.

RECOMMENDATIONS—Mrs. Dave Mast and Mrs. J. M. Hodges.

RESOLUTIONS—Mrs. Phillip Fletcher and Mrs. O. J. Phillips.

TIME AND PLACE—Mrs. Howard Simpson, Sr., Mrs. A. E. Moretz and Mrs. W. O. Farthing.

After singing "Loyalty to Christ" the session adjourned for the noon recess. Benediction by J. C. Canipe.

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AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened by Mrs. Odes Wison, Young Peoples' Leader, who called the roll and read the reports.

After a play entitled "Revealing the Cross" was given by the Poplar Grove young people the congregation sang "Have Thine Own Way." This was followed by scriptural reading by Hattie Perry and Clare Norris, who also gave some poems. The Cove Creek R. A's. gave a playlet, "R. A. Tool Box."

Phillip Fletcher discussed "How and Why Young People Work."

Hymn—"Living for Jesus" by congregation.

The Committee on Obituaries reported two deaths during the year, Mrs. John W. Hodges and Mrs. Mary Perkins. In their going the W. M. U. lost two precious jewels. "They shall be mine, saith the Lord of Hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels."

Mrs. Dave Mast read the report on recommendations which was adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recognizing our blessings in the past and realizing our opportunities for service for Him, we recommend:

1. That we study thoughtfully our theme for the year, "In His Name Unto All Nations, Beginning at Jerusalem," and that we increase our interest and support of Home and Foreign Missions.

2. That we pray for a better feeling between the different peoples of our nation and that Americans might live more Christlike among these peoples.

3. That we pray for our leaders in settling our National problems.

4. That we co-operate more faithfully with our pastors and the leaders of our church organizations.

5. That we strive to organize a W. M. U. in every church of the Three Forks Association.

6. That we work more diligently toward the standards set for our unions.

7. That we pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all our work.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. DAVE MAST

MRS. J. M. HODGES.

The following report on Resolutions was read by Mrs. O. J. Phillips and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

We recommend to the W. M. U. of our churches that we go home with renewed energy and with a determination to make real the words of our song, "Christ for the World We Sing, the World to Christ We Bring." Let us enter more enthusiastically into the privilege of Mission Study, Bible Study, Prayer, Personal Service and Giving. Let us also remember the Missionary education of our young people. In Deut. 6:6, 7 we read, "And these words which I command thee this day shall be in thine hearts; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children." Let us resolve to be "laborers together with God" in every way to bring His Kingdom in.

Resolved: That the W. M. U. of the Three Forks Association give its thanks to Poplar Grove Church for the fine hospitality shown us throughout this meeting.

Resolved: That the W. M. U. extend its thanks to the officers for their efficient services during the past year.

Resolved: That the W. M. U. express thanks to those who have helped in this program today or in any way contributed to its success.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. PHILLIP FLETCHER

MRS. O. J. PHILLIPS

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The following report of Time and Place Committee adopted:

TIME—To be decided later.

PLACE—Boone Baptist Church.

MRS. HOWARD SIMPSON, SR.

MRS. A. E. MORETZ

MRS. W. O. FARTHING.

The Nominations Committee made the following report which was adopted:

Mrs. D. P. Coffey	— — — — —	Superintendent
Mrs. Clare Brown	— — — — —	Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Clare Simpson	.....	Secretary and Treasurer
Mrs. J. C. Canipe	— — — — —	Mission Study Chairwoman
Mrs. D. F. Horton	— — — — —	Personal Service Chairwoman
Mrs. J. L. Qualls	— — — — —	Stewardship Chairwoman
Mrs. Phillip Fletcher	— — — — —	Young Peoples' Leader
Mrs. R. C. Winebarger	— — — — —	Assistant Young Peoples' Leader

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Regrets were expressed because of the resignations of Mrs. J. L. Qualls and Mrs. Odes Wilson.

On motion the meeting adjourned with prayer by D. M. Edmisten.

MRS. CLARE SIMPSON, Secretary.

MRS. J. L. QUALLS, Supt.

TABLE I.—CHURCH MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	Village, Town, City or Country?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	Members last year	Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Pressures	Deaths	Total Present M'bers	Weekly Pr'y'r Mt'ings	Revival Held in Year	Obs. Lord's Supper
1. Antioch	C	1849	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock	1	206	4	9			6	6	2		202	*	1	2
2. Beaver Dam	C	1874	W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rock	1	133	4			1	3		2		138		1	2
3. Bethany	C	1896	F. C. Watts, Purlear	2	100	2								102		2	4
4. Bethel	C	1851	W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rock		309	2	3			5	5			395	*	1	3
5. Blowing Rock	L	1903	Phillip Fletcher, Sherwood	2	463	11	1							173		1	5
6. Boone	T	1871	J. C. Canipe, Boone	All	466	6	28	1		32				466	*	1	4
7. Brookside	C	1932	L. N. Keller, Fleetwood	4	30	1								30		1	1
8. Brushy Fork	C	1858	J. C. Canipe, Boone	3	146	3	2			3			5	143		1	1
9. Cool Springs	V	1888	T. T. Danner, Valle Crucis	4	107		1			1	1			106	*	1	2
10. Cove Creek	C	1799	Phillip Fletcher, Sherwood	1	259	5	3							265		1	2
11. Elk Knob	C	1885	J. R. Trivett, Tamarack	3	66		3							68			
12. Forest Grove	C	1889	R. C. Eggers, Zionville	3	143		1			2			1	141		1	2
13. Gap Creek	C	1880	J. C. Canipe, Boone	1	124	7				1	20			100		1	1
14. Howards Creek	C	1882	E. C. Hodges, Boone	4	143									143		1	2
15. Laurel Springs	C	1873	W. O. Greene, Laxon	1	184	4				3				184		1	1
16. Meat Camp	C	1851	D. M. Edmisten, Sugar Grove	4	160	12								169		1	2
17. Middle Fork	C	1905	W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rock	3	177	12	2			2				177	*	1	2
18. Mt. Calvary	V	1880	Phillip Fletcher, Sherwood	2	180		3							180	*	1	1
19. Mt. Gilead	C	1869	E. J. Farthing, Sugar Grove	1	70	8	2			1				80		1	9
20. Mt. Lebanon	C	1891	W. J. Cook, Boone	2	172	16	2							181		1	2
21. Oak Grove	V	1916	F. C. Watts, Purlear	2	182	3	3			1	1			188		1	2
22. Pleasant Grove	C	1891	D. M. Edmisten, Sugar Grove	2	165	1	3			9				163		1	2
23. Poplar Grove	C	1872	R. C. Eggers, Zionville	1	100		1			2	2			94		1	1
24. Profit Grove	C	1919	H. M. Winkler, Todd	4	101	9								100		1	1
25. Rich Mountain	C	1905	E. C. Hodges, Boone	1	69	2								71		1	9
26. Shulls Mills	C	1888	Vilas Minton, Vilas	2	42	2	3							47	*	1	2
27. South Fork	C	1833	W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rock	2	160	11	7							166	*	1	2
28. Stony Fork	C	1887	Vilas Minton, Vilas	2	205	15				6	1	4		170	*	1	1
29. Three Forks	C	1790	J. C. Canipe, Boone	2	119	5	5			2				127		1	9
30. Timbered Ridge	C	1906	Tipton Greene, Boone	1	86	14	8							106	*	1	2
31. Union	C	1895	W. J. Cook, Boone	3	239	15	6			9	9			249	*	1	2
32. Willowdale	C	1911	Roby Painter, Balm	2	113	12	2							126	*	1	2
33. Willow Valley	C	1935	G. A. Hamby, Lenoir	3	97	5	1			7	1			95	*	1	2
34. Zion Hill	C	1886	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock	2	134	1	1			1				135		1	2
35. Zionville	V	1836	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock	3	176	5	4			1				181		1	2
Totals					5304	197	99	1	10	103	27	9	41	6341		31	2
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TABLE II. — SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPTS. AND POST OFFICES						Home Dept.	Total Enrollment In- cluding Of., T's and Ps	Average Attendance?	School Graded?	Tchrs. Hold'g. Normal Diplomas	Aptisms from School	Given by S. S.		(Missions)	Grand Total for every- thing given by S. S.
	Beginners 3-5 Yrs.	Primaries 6-8 Yrs.	Juniors 9-12 Yrs.	Young People 17-24	Adults 25 up	Cradle Roll							Given by S. S.	Given by S. S.		
1. Antioch	18	12	10	26	20	24	...	8	118	60	...	...	16.95	16.79	32.74	...
2. Beaver Dam	23	25	18	29	25	25	...	7	152	60	...	...	20.00	2.00	22.00	...
3. Bethany	...	8	11	15	18	...	...	6	65	35	...	2	6.00	...	6.00	...
4. Bethel	30	24	27	25	25	59	...	10	200	80	...	...	35.22	13.53	47.75	...
5. Blowing Rock	15	18	30	8	13	13	...	12	106	82	...	...	47.90	27.97	75.87	...
6. Boone	15	27	71	48	135	15	20	49	576	284	*	30	259.72	...	259.72	...
7. Brookside	...	4	7	6	5	...	...	4	40	25	...	...	...	...	...	...
8. Brushy Fork	8	8	10	10	15	24	2	10	89	79	...	...	...	63.00	63.00	...
9. Cool Springs	12	...	8	16	...	21	...	7	64	36	...	...	12.54	24.90	37.44	...
10. Cove Creek	15	20	33	32	58	38	...	15	211	114	...	5	...	...	...	...
11. Elk Knob	5	...	8	23	...	10	...	...	46	...	...	...	4.95	18.00	22.95	...
12. Forest Grove	10	10	12	12	36	30	...	10	120	...	*	...	...	14.20	14.20	...
13. Gap Creek	17	11	19	18	12	18	...	9	104	61	*	5	24.00	7.81	31.81	...
14. Howards Creek	...	...	15	12	12	15	...	6	70	40	...	...	16.36	...	16.36	...
15. Laurel Springs	14	13	30	32	25	32	4	17	167	138	*	4	...	53.81	53.81	...
16. Meat Camp	12	11	11	25	20	45	...	11	135	65	...	12	22.53	37.64	60.17	...
17. Middle Fork	9	25	15	14	18	29	...	...	120	58	*	...	...	...	...	...
18. Mt. Calvary	13	10	10	5	17	21	...	8	84	58	...	...	25.23	18.98	44.21	...
19. Mt. Gilead	8	12	...	20	...	20	...	...	60	40	...	...	...	...	...	...
20. Mt. Lebanon	7	15	...	8	25	22	...	9	86	...	...	...	24.96	8.25	33.21	...
21. Oak Grove	20	15	16	20	30	40	...	9	150	...	...	...	22.77	22.12	58.89	...
22. Pleasant Grove	20	15	19	28	38	49	...	11	180	...	...	...	42.79	56.60	99.39	...
23. Poplar Grove	14	7	16	32	16	10	...	12	107	58	...	...	...	...	...	...
24. Proffit Grove	10	12	15	15	20	25	6	7	110	46	...	8	23.81	8.70	32.51	...
25. Rich Mountain	6	8	15	18	...	16	...	6	69	...	...	...	12.00	24.00	36.00	...
26. Shulls Mills	13	...	15	...	30	20	...	6	84	53	...	...	17.00	...	17.00	...
27. South Fork	17	17	17	27	21	25	...	6	130	51	...	10	19.40	62.11	81.51	...
28. Stony Fork	40	16	28	35	...	60	20	11	210	160	...	15	27.65	142.90	170.55	...
29. Three Forks	12	10	...	15	20	8	...	7	72	50	...	5	38.00	...	38.00	...
30. Timbered Ridge	24	13	22	14	14	37	15	8	147	78	*	11	21.60	16.30	37.90	...
31. Union	15	...	21	18	13	29	...	9	115	100	...	15	...	...	...	...
32. Willowdale	10	12	15	20	20	20	6	9	104	75	4	12	...	...	...	...
33. Willow Valley	8	8	12	...	25	22	8	9	92	54	...	3	22.00	85.56	107.56	...
34. Zion Hill	10	...	11	12	...	30	...	3	55	33	...	...	36.04	47.86	83.90	...
35. Zionville	8	9	10	10	18	34	5	9	103	90	...	4	13	9	24	90.44

CHURCHES

CLERKS AND
POSTOFFICES

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Own Church House?	When Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	No. of Rooms	Department Assembly Rooms	No. Sept. Class R'ns	Value Church House and Grounds	Value Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on all Church Property	Insurance Carried
1. Antioch	L. W. Ward, Sugar Grove	*	1903	Wood	350	1	1	5	2500	.....	2500	.....	.....
2. Beaver Dam	C. B. Reece Trade, Tenn.	*	1924	Wood	300	6	1	5	3900	.....	3900	.....	.....
3. Bethany	J. L. Triplett, Matney	*	1896	Wood	200	1	.....	.....	1000	.....	1000	.....	.....
4. Bethel	Ivan Farthing, Sugar Grove ..	*	1924	Brick	400	7	1	6	5000	.....	5000	.....	.....
5. Blowing Rock	Mrs. K. K. Brown, B. Rock ..	*	1924	Wood	200	8	1	7	17000	.....	17000	.....	.....
6. Boone	J. T. C. Wright, Boone	*	1937	Brick	850	47	6	41	75000	7500	82500	13200	25000
7. Brookside	Mrs. Julia Penley, Buffalo Cove	0	.....	Wood	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8. Brushy Fork	Miss Blanche Anderson, Vilas ..	*	1881	Wood	300	6	1	5	4000	.....	4000	.....	1500
9. Cool Springs	D. W. Mitchell, Blowing Rock ..	*	1910	Wood	400	1	.....	.....	1500	.....	1500	.....	.....
10. Cove Creek	Mrs. Hattie Lewis, Sherwood ..	*	1923	Brick	400	10	1	9	10000	3000	13000	600	2500
11. Elk Knob	W. C. South, Tamarack .....	*	.....	Wood	200	1	.....	.....	500	.....	500	.....	.....
12. Forest Grove	Miss Alice Isaacs, Vilas	*	1907	Wood	450	9	1	8	1200	.....	1200	.....	.....
13. Gap Creek	H. E. Greene, Deep Gap .....	*	.....	Wood	300	2	1	1	1200	.....	1200	.....	.....
14. Howards Creek	H. T. Miller, Boone	*	1900	Wood	400	2	1	1	1000	.....	1000	50	.....
15. Laurel Springs	W. H. Wagner, Boone	*	1894	Wood	500	11	1	10	2000	.....	2000	.....	.....
16. Meat Camp	M. C. Brown, Boone	*	1927	Wood	500	5	1	4	5000	.....	5000	.....	.....
17. Middle Fork	J. C. Ashley, Blowing Rock ..	*	1905	Wood	300	1	.....	.....	2000	.....	2000	.....	.....
18. Mt. Calvary	R. C. Greene, Balm	*	1933	Brick	400	6	1	5	6000	.....	6000	.....	.....
19. Mt. Gilead	O. H. Trivett, Beech Creek .....	*	.....	Wood	200	1	.....	.....	1500	.....	1500	.....	.....
20. Mt. Lebanon	Ronda Earp, Vilas	*	1891	Wood	300	1	.....	.....	900	.....	900	.....	.....
21. Oak Grove	B. A. Hodges, Boone	*	1937	Brick	300	6	1	5	8000	.....	8000	.....	.....
22. Pleasant Grove	R. H. Townsend, Zionville	*	1892	Wood	350	1	.....	.....	1500	.....	1500	.....	.....
23. Poplar Grove	T. C. Hodges, Boone	*	1914	Wood	225	1	.....	.....	4800	.....	4800	.....	.....
24. Profit Grove	C. M. Profit, Meat Camp	*	1919	Wood	300	1	.....	.....	1000	.....	1000	.....	.....
25. Rich Mountain	L. E. Beach, Zionville	*	1907	Wood	200	1	.....	.....	1000	.....	1000	.....	.....
26. Shulls Mills	G. W. Robbins, Shulls Mills	*	1885	Wood	350	1	.....	.....	2000	.....	2000	.....	.....
27. South Fork	W. H. McGuire, Brookside	*	1901	Wood	300	1	.....	.....	3000	300	3300	.....	.....
28. Stony Fork	Russell Wellborn, Deep Gap ..	*	1898	Wood	600	1	.....	.....	1200	.....	1200	.....	.....
29. Three Forks	W. G. Todd, Boone	*	1922	Wood	300	5	1	4	3000	.....	3000	.....	.....
30. Timbered Ridge	Wade L. Greene, Peoria	*	1912	Wood	250	1	.....	.....	1000	.....	1000	.....	.....
31. Union	J. M. Burkett, Mabel	*	1893	Wood	500	1	.....	.....	1000	.....	1000	.....	.....
32. Willowdale	J. A. Bumgarner, Vilas	*	1923	Wood	300	7	1	6	3000	.....	3000	.....	.....
33. Willow Valley	Geo. W. Harmon, Sugar Grove ..	*	.....	Wood	200	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
34. Zion Hill	Levin Harmon, Beech Creek ..	*	1880	Wood	400	3	1	2	1500	.....	1500	.....	.....
35. Zionville	E. H. Wilson, Zionville	*	1926	Wood	300	7	1	6	5000	.....	5000	.....	2000
Totals .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	178200	10800	189000	13850	31000

TABLE IV. — GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POSTOFFICES					Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply		Building and Repairs	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for S. S. and B.Y.P.U. and WMS	Help Given Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	Total for Local Pur- poses given by the Church and all Orgs
1. Antioch	E. L. Glenn, Sugar Grove	96.65	18.30	78.50	12.72	15.95	3.73	2.00	15.00	242.85							
2. Beaver Dam	Lee Swift, Reece	114.53	23.30	450.00	15.00	20.00	1.80	624.63									
3. Bethany	W. L. Welch, Matney	75.00	32.00					107.00									
4. Bethel	W. W. Wilson, Sugar Grove	142.87	36.46	76.84	34.46	68.11	3.00	2.05	345.13								
5. Blowing Rock	D. P. Coffey, Blowing Rock	360.90		3.75	47.90	68.11		4.25	484.91								
6. Boone	Russell D. Hodges, Boone	1820.00	12.10	338.20	509.97	259.72	8.30	37.19	6050.48								
7. Brookside	Mrs. Julia Penley, Buffalo Cove	25.00	3.71	250.00			.50	279.21									
8. Brushy Fork	Clay Greene, Vilas	171.31	57.45	2.45	31.30	31.99	10.00	15.85	320.35								
9. Cool Springs	Kenneth Payne, Boone	29.00	8.00	55.00	5.00	12.54	1.40	110.94									
10. Cove Creek	S. F. Horton, Sugar Grove	370.02	2119.99		91.50	84.13		2665.61									
11. Elk Knob	Sam. S. South, Tamarack	28.00						28.00									
12. Forest Grove	Maude Warren, Vilas	74.19		46.95		24.87		146.01									
13. Gap Creek	Mrs. Clyde Moretz, Deep Gap	127.40	55.00	50.00	26.25	24.00	1.71	59.56	343.92								
14. Howards Creek	Mrs. W. L. Brown, Boone	54.28		139.95	4.00	16.36	2.35	216.94									
15. Laurel Springs	W. H. Wagner, Boone	116.51	34.50			30.00		181.01									
16. Meat Camp	M. C. Brown, Boone	166.06	41.55	43.55	36.83	22.53		334.33									
17. Middle Fork	T. P. Hodges, Blowing Rock	105.15	58.48	2.31	21.62	24.85	2.85	215.26									
18. Mt. Calvary	J. M. Shoemaker, Balm	249.92	49.75	650.00				949.67									
19. Mt. Gilead	O. H. Trivett, Beech Creek	51.17	10.00			15.00		76.17									
20. Mt. Lebanon	Clarence Earm, Vilas	81.00	46.75			19.87	10.20	196.07									
21. Oak Grove	Joe McNeil, Vilas	104.50	46.00	3385.00	253.00	23.61		3832.68									
22. Pleasant Grove	D. H. Pery, Zionville	147.65	31.80		18.00	36.29		233.74									
23. Poplar Grove	Henry Austin, Shulls Mills	98.10		10.00	23.80	53.30	4.00	197.46									
24. Proffit Grove	C. M. Proffit, Meat Camp	84.56	25.00		5.83	10.40		125.79									
25. Rich Mountain	J. E. Beach, Zionville	60.15	12.00				1.50	85.65									
26. Shulls Mills	J. B. Reid, Shulls Mills	71.19			20.00	17.00	1.50	109.69									
27. South Fork	W. F. Norris, Todd	202.30	40.00				.50	242.80									
28. Stony Fork	D. L. Welborn, Stony Fork	185.52	25.00	6.00	5.00	27.65	8.00	287.81									
29. Three Forks	A. J. Edmisten, Boone	100.65	44.43		43.50	24.86		292.30									
30. Timbered Ridge	E. E. Hagaman, Beech Creek	102.31	22.50	45.24	.95	21.60		194.85									
31. Union	M. L. Warren, Mabel	108.76	58.79		20.00	29.25	200.00	416.80									
32. Willowdale	Cecil Glenn, Vilas	160.00	39.34	60.12	25.00	28.00		314.96									
33. Willow Valley	Mrs. Nannie Edmisten, S. Grove	93.40	61.91	24.00	20.82	21.26	10.50	239.49									
34. Zion Hill	Alvin Cannon, Beech Creek	106.99	23.60	2.00		11.13	8.50	177.80									

TABLE V.—MISSIONS AND ALL BENEVOLENCES

CHURCHES

	T'ry to Co-op. Program	Sp'l to Asso. Missions	Sp'l to State Missions	Sp'l to Home Missions	Sp'l to For'n Missions	Sp'l to Chris.-Min. Edu.	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Sp'l to Old Min. Relief	Other Special Gifts	Total Given for Mis. and Ben. by Church	Grand Total—Local Church and Or'zations by
1. Antioch	10.39				1.55	1.00	29.97	27.64	.48	4.00	75.88	318.72
2. Beaver Dam			3.30	1.40	11.90	1.60	59.85	11.00	3.16		92.21	716.84
3. Bethany	38.95						20.00	6.00			26.00	133.00
4. Beth'l					11.21		67.00	23.43			140.68	485.81
5. Blowing Rock												
6. Boone	100.00			48.84			190.47	73.60		58.12	471.03	6521.51
7. Brookside							25.00				25.00	304.21
8. Erushy Fork							63.0	16.39			79.39	399.74
9. Cold Springs							22.90	2.00			24.90	135.84
10. Cove Creek	40.56		8.56	23.40	56.07		128.00	20.87		32.56	309.51	2975.15
11. Elk Knob	1.10						18.00	5.00			23.10	49.10
12. Forest Grove		26.12					14.20	2.45	38.33	1.95	83.00	229.06
13. Gap Creek			10.41	8.70	8.58		7.8	11.21		6.00	52.71	396.63
14. Howards Creek							6.00				6.00	225.94
15. Laurel Springs							51.83	6.87			58.70	239.71
16. Meat Camp			6.88	7.65	5.65	5.02	70.24	12.52	6.06	11.80	125.57	459.30
17. Middle Fork			10.00		87.94		135.43	6.25		9.53	249.15	461.41
18. Mt. Calvary			2.69				65.11				58.80	1008.67
19. Mt. Gilgaid												76.17
20. Mt. Lebanon							8.25	5.12			13.37	182.41
21. Oak Grove				9.47			14.30	6.24			30.01	3862.69
22. Pleasant Grove	10.65						46.9	3.30			59.39	293.73
23. Poplar Grove	5.51			2.17	6.0		38.39	2.20			51.30	251.76
24. Profit Grove		2.05	5.00				47.00	5.75		2.87	62.67	188.46
25. Rich Mountain							22.00	2.00			24.00	109.65
26. Shull's Mills							50.00	6.00			56.00	165.69
27. Sixth Fork				2.63			35.00	8.50			46.13	288.93
28. Stony Fork							142.90	20.87	6.00	10.55	180.32	478.13
29. Three Forks	23.48						48.87	21.87	94.33		188.53	480.88
30. Timbered Ridge							42.00	7.78			49.78	244.63
31. Union							45.00	7.50			52.50	469.30
32. Willowdale	4.74						55.13	10.00			69.87	384.83
33. Willow Valley	5.04			4.00	6.01		85.55	11.50			112.11	351.50
34. Zion Hill			3.31				44.5	31.94		4.10	83.90	261.70
35. Zionville							71.39	13.00	6.15		90.54	353.28
Totals	240.42	28.17	49.55	108.79	135.26	7.62	1762.24	385.89	154.54	141.48	3036.49	24092.57

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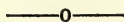
We have 73 Baptist Associations (including 2 Indian) in North Carolina, composed of 2,451 churches with a membership of 465,698. We have 1,137 active pastors; 2,437 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 331,194; 2,977 Woman's Missionary Societies with a membership of 53,400; 2,506 Baptist Training Unions with 57,638 members.

Last year 1,785 of our churches reported baptisms leaving 666 churches which reported none.

Our churches contributing to denominational objects number 2,222, leaving only 229 not contributing to any objects in the denominational program. The per capita contribution to denominational objects is \$1.22 while that to local objects is \$5.03, making total per capita gifts of North Carolina Baptists of \$6.25. Putting it another way, our total denominational gifts amounted to \$567,530.91, our total local gifts to \$2,441,226.70, making grand total of \$3,008,756.61 gifts to all causes both local and denominational.

Boone, N.C.

THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NORTH CAROLINA



NINETY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

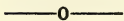
Held With

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Boone, N. C.

AUGUST 30th and 31st,

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The Ninety-Ninth Session to be held August 29 and 30,
1939, with Cove Creek Baptist Church, Sherwood, N. C.

D. M. Edmisten to preach the Annual Sermon,

W. C. Greene, Alternate.

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SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1939 SESSION

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Tuesday Morning, August 29, 1939

9:00- 9:25—Devotional and Roll Call

9:25- 9:45—Address of Moderator

9:45-10:15—Religious Literature

10:15-11:00—Temperance

11:00-12:00—Annual Sermon

Noon Recess

1:00- 1:15—Devotional

1:15- 2:30—Missions

2:30- 3:30—Benevolences

3:30- 3:35—Closing Worship

Wednesday Morning, August 30, 1939

9:00- 9:15—Devotional

9:15-10:00—Obituaries

10:00-10:45—Woman's Work

10:45-11:15—Report of Executive Committee

11:15-12:15—Associational Progress

Noon Recess

1:15- 1:30—Devotional

1:30- 2:15—Christian Training

2:15- 2:45—Sunday Schools

2:45- 3:00—History of Cove Creek Church

3:00- 3:30—Reports: Treasurer, Finance, Nominations, Resolutions, Time, Place and Preacher.

3:30- 3:45—Election of Officers and Miscellaneous

3:45- 4:00—Closing Worship.

The Pastor or some messenger is expected to make a report from each church of not more than 2 minutes in length under Associational Progress.

DIRECTORY

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

R. C. Eggers, Moderator	Zionville, N. C.
Clyde R. Greene, Clerk-Treasurer	Boone, N. C.
A. J. Greene, Historian	Vilas, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

G. P. Hagaman, Chairman	Boone, N. C.
James Gross	Adams, N. C.
Wade E. Brown	Boone, N. C.
Grady Minton	Vilas, N. C.
W. D. Farthing	Boone, N. C.
R. C. Eggers	Zionville, N. C.
Clyde R. Greene	Boone, N. C.

LIST OF NOMINATIONS

Missions—J. C. Canipe, Vilas Minton.
 Religious Literature—A. E. Moretz, Troy Danner.
 Associational Progress—J. A. Williams, Carl Greene.
 Benevolences—M. J. Williams, Tipton Greene.
 Temperance—E. E. Garbee, Mrs. Ralph Greene.
 Christian Training—Wade E. Brown, Lloyd Hodges.
 Woman's Work—Mrs. Nora M. Wilson, Miss Margaret Adams.
 Resolutions—W. M. Thomas, Bert Farthing.
 Obituaries—Wade Byers, Radford Townsend.
 Sunday School Director—S. C. Eggers, Boone, N. C.
 Baptist Training Union Director—Ralph Hagaman, Boone, N. C.
 Orphanage Director—Russell D. Hodges, Boone, N. C.
 Hospital Director—Dwight Edmisten, Sugar Grove, N. C.
 Nominations—Moderator to Appoint.
 Order of Business—Executive Committee.
 Time, Place and Preacher—Moderator to Appoint.
 Finances—Moderator to Appoint.

PROMOTION COMMITTEE

N. M. Greene, Chairman, Boone, N. C.; Clingman Hodges, S.
 C. Eggers, Russell D. Hodges, Philip Fletcher, Mrs. D. P.
 Coffey and D. M. Edmisten.
 N. M. Greene, Boone, N. C., Associational Missionary.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION ORGANIZATION

Director ----- Ralph Hagaman, Boone, N. C.
 Assistant Director ----- Clint Adams, Vilas
 Secretary-Treasurer ----- Jamie Harmon, Sherwood
 Adult Leader ----- Earnest Banner, Blowing Rock
 Senior Leader ----- Ralph Greene, Boone
 Intermediate Leader ----- Ella Austin, Shulls Mills
 Junior Leader -----
 Story Hour Leader ----- Mattie Lou Harmon, Sherwood
 Group Leaders -- Albert Michael, J. T. C. Wright, Don Shell and
 Ila Greene

W. M. U. ORGANIZATION

Superintendent ----- Mrs. D. P. Coffey, Blowing Rock, N. C.
 Assistant Supt. ----- Mrs. Clare Brown
 Secretary-Treasurer ----- Mrs. Don C. Perry
 Mission Study Chairman ----- Mrs. J. C. Canipe, Boone, N. C.
 Personal Service Chairman ----- Mrs. D. F. Horton, Vilas, N. C.
 Stewardship Chairman ----- Mrs. J. L. Qualls, Boone, N. C.
 Librarian ----- Mrs. W. C. Greer, Boone, N. C.
 Young People's Leader ---- Miss Ella Austin, Shulls Mills, N. C.
 Assistant Y. P. Leader -- Mrs. Carl Winebarger, Zionville, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

Director ----- S. C. Eggers, Boone, N. C.
 Assistant Director ----- Rex Bumgarner, Vilas
 Secretary-Treasurer ----- Rena Mae Farthing, Boone
 Adult Leader ----- Mrs. A. R. Smith, Boone
 Young People's Leader ----- Mrs. H. R. Eggers, Boone
 Intermediate Leader ----- Mrs. A. G. Qualls, Boone
 Primary Leader ----- Mrs. Odes Wilson, Zionville

ORDAINED MINISTERS

ANTIOCH—G. W. Trivett, Vilas; W. H. Glenn, Sugar Grove.
 BETHANY—J. T. McGuire, Linville.
 BETHEL—L. C. Wilson, E. J. Farthing, Sugar Grove.
 BOONE—Roy Dotson, Tipton Greene and J. C. Canipe, Boone.
 BRUSHY FORK—Grady Minton, Vilas.
 COOL SPRINGS—W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock.
 COVE CREEK—Phillip Fletcher, Sherwood.

LAUREL SPRINGS—W. C. Greene, Laxon; J. L. Greene, Deep Gap.
MEAT CAMP—A. E. Moretz, Boone.
MIDDLE FORK—R. H. Shore, James Matney, Blowing Rock.
MT. CALVARY—Roby Painter, Balm.
MT. GILEAD—Lee Norris, Whaley.
MT. LEBANON—J. R. Shore and Vilas Minton, Vilas; T. T. Danner, Valle Crucis.
OAK GROVE—E. C. Hodges, Boone.
SHULLS MILLS—James Hodges, Shulls Mills.
STONY FORK—H. H. Smith and T. S. Robbins, Deep Gap.
THREE FORKS—Raymond Hendrix and A. B. Church, Boone.
WILLOWDALE—A. J. Greene, Vilas.
WILLOW VALLEY—D. M. Edmisten, Sugar Grove.
ZIONVILLE—R. C. Eggers, Zionville; D. C. Trivette, Tamarack.

LICENTIATES

COVE CREEK—Paul Tugman, Sherwood.
MEAT CAMP—N. M. Greene, Boone.
WILLOWDALE—E. Y. Edmisten, Vilas, N. C.

ROLL OF MESSENGERS

ANTIOCH—Dwight Cable, W. L. Glenn and Bynum Trivett.
BEAVER DAM—Lee Swift, Geo. Robinson and Dallas Wilson.
BETHANY—Victor Farthing, Spencer Watson and Talmadge Watson.
BETHEL—D. C. Hagaman, Carl Farthing and C. J. Farthing.
BLOWING ROCK—Mrs. D. P. Coffey, M. C. Johnson and Mrs. J. M. Hodges.
BOONE—Clyde R. Greene, Wade Brown and J. A. Williams.
BRUSHY FORK—D. S. Love, Gordon Hodges and Grady Minton.
BROOKSIDE—No Messengers or Letter.
CLARK'S CREEK—Harston Coffey, Clifford Welch and Cecil Coffey.
COOL SPRINGS—Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Carlton and Lee Nelson.
COVE CREEK—Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Horton and Lawrence Moody.
ELK KNOB—J. M. Brown, Loyd Miller and John Johnson.

FOREST GROVE—D. H. Eggers, Mack Johnson and David Greene.

THREE FORKS—W. H. Hayes, J. C. Brookshire and I. T. Barnett.

TIMBERED RIDGE—Grady McGuire, Basil Tester and J. Y. Smitherman.

UNION—Solomon Eggers, L. C. Oliver and J. M. Burkett.

WILLOWDALE—Wiley Mast, E. Y. Edmisten and Rex Bumgarner.

WILLOW VALLEY—Custer Ward, Carl Greene and Spencer Cable.

ZION HILL—V. C. Harman, M. A. Ward and Fred Harman.

ZIONVILLE—R. L. Trivette, A. J. May and Maggie Wilson.

GAP CREEK—N. A. Watson, Thomas Fairchild and Mrs. Ray Luther.

HOWARDS CREEK—Jones Barnes, Watson Tester and J. H. Jones.

LAUREL SPRINGS—C. M. Watson, Joe Coffey and J. H. Greene.

MEAT CAMP—Carl Byers, Howard Gragg and Woodrow Greene.

MIDDLE FORK—Hal Shore, W. T. Vandyke and Earl Colvard.

MT. CALVARY—R. E. Smith, Ray Chappell and Ernest Shoemaker.

MT. GILEAD—Smith Eggers, Denis Younce and Russell Warren.

MT. LEBANON—Javy Maltba, Leonard Hayes and Ed Walls.

OAK GROVE—J. W. Greene, Mrs. Lionel Ward and J. C. Hodges

PLEASANT GROVE—Ellis Eggers, Bob Anderson and N. T. Byers.

POPLAR GROVE—Willard Presnell, B. A. Cook and Clyde Williams.

PROFFIT GROVE—A. J. Bryan, Sidney Wilson and Raymond Wilson.

RICH MOUNTAIN—T. O. Eggers, Wray Beach and L. E. Beach.

SHULLS MILLS—G. W. Robbins, J. M. Day and J. B. Reed.

SOUTH FORK—W. F. Norris, J. L. Miller and W. H. McGuire.

STONY FORK—R. L. Wagoner, M. F. Greene, and J. J. Wellborn

PROCEEDINGS
of the
NINETY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Held With
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Boone, N. C.
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FIRST DAY

Tuesday, August 30, 1938

Morning Session

The Three Forks Baptist Association met in its Ninety-Eighth Annual Session with Oak Grove Baptist Church, Boone, N. C., Tuesday, August 30, 1938, at 9:00.

The Session was opened by singing "Amazing Grace", led by Gordon Hodges, after which Tipton Greene offered prayer. N. M. Greene then read the first Psalm and J. C. Canipe led prayer.

The Moderator, R. C. Eggers, called the Ninety-Eighth Session to order for the transaction of business.

The Clerk read the constitution and rules of decorum of the Association.

A. J. Greene read the report of the Committee on Order of Business which was adopted on motion of J. C. Canipe.

The Moderator then announced the following committees:
NOMINATIONS—A. J. Greene, E. Y. Edmisten and Gordon Hodges.

FINANCE—G. W. Robbins, A. E. Moretz and David Love.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER—D. F. Horton, R. L. Wagoner and D. L. Wellborn.

The Clerk called the roll of the churches and committee chairmen.

The Moderator then recognized the following visitors: C. C. McKoin and Howard Day, representing the North Carolina Baptist Orphanage; W. J. Cook, G. W. Gragg and B. F. Wilcox, Stony Fork Association; J. A. Morgan, Raleigh Association; M. A. Adams, representing the United Dry Forces; J. C. Owens, Avery Association; Smith Hagaman, representing Baptist Hospital; W. W. Worley, J. O. Jones and J. A. Lowe, Watauga Association, Tenn.

Grady Minton and T. T. Danner were introduced as new pastors and enrolled. A. B. Church was also recognized as a new minister in the Association.

The Moderator then delivered his annual address, using as his subject, "Jesus Depended Upon the Holy Spirit," reading Luke 4:1, Luke 4:14 and Matthew 12:38. He emphasized the following thoughts:

Jesus depended on the Holy Spirit:

1. In His temptations by Satan.
2. In His daily walk.
3. In His power to bless others.
4. In casting out demons.
5. In preaching the gospel.
6. When He offered Himself on Calvary.

The report on religious literature was read by N. M. Greene and on motion to adopt by J. C. Canipe it was discussed by N. M. Greene and J. C. Canipe and was adopted.

REPORT OF RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

The invention of the printing press brought to the world one of the greatest influences for good of all times. It brought the Bible to the common people and yet it also brought trashy literature. In our day as the schools have almost banished illiteracy from our land the printed page has increased as an influence for good or bad according to the kind of literature read. The life of one who reads the Bible and other good literature becomes enriched by the lofty ideals therein, while the person who fills his mind with the cheap, dime-novel type of stories may end in prison or the electric chair.

Thus we see that the reading material of our children should be carefully selected. You look carefully into the food your children eat for the nourishment of their bodies, yet many neglect to

provide suitable literature so that their minds may be equally well fed and developed.

We have certain obligations to our children which cannot be easily brushed aside and disregarded. One of these is to see to it that the Bible is read to them in the home when they are too small to read it themselves. If this is done they are far more liable to form the habit of Bible reading later in life. We have permitted the hurry of this modern life to almost close the Bible in our land. We must come back to it and its teachings if this nation is to be saved from ruin.

Then, of course, we should provide other good books, magazines and papers, among which should be the publications of our Baptist Boards, the Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children.

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. Greene,

Vilas Minton.

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The report on Temperance was presented by Wade E. Brown, who led the discussion. After further discussion by E. E. Garbee, M. A. Adams and J. C. Canipe the report was amended and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Your committee commends the splendid work that has been done by the workers of the United Dry Forces in Watauga County. Our local ministers are also to be commended for the work they have done in trying to free our county from the evils of alcohol.

The work is by no means completed. We find that last year 10 beer licenses were sold. We also find a number of our most prominent bootleggers were in the toils of the law and most of these are now serving time. We commend our law enforcement officials and the judges who have held our courts for the past year. We believe that we now have fewer bootleggers in our county than we have had for several years, but we are not yet free from their devastating work, it only serves as an incentive to go after them stronger than ever before.

It is our observation that one of the great needs in our county at the present time is a stronger sentiment among the people against legal beer. Many of the cases that come to court rely on the theory that they are permitted under the law to drink beer and that when they get drunk they are not violating the law. In many instances they are using this as a cloak, when in reality they have been drinking liquor, and yet the confusion does exist. Are we, in a civilized country, willing to tell our boys and girls that it is a consistent law

that permits beer to be sold up to a certain highly technical point and that after it passes that point it is illegal?

Public sentiment should not only enforce our laws but it should be the means of moulding our laws. If they are not what they should be, you have the weapon by which they are changed. You may be sure that if the matter is left to those with selfish political or other wrong motives there will be no great improvement, but if we are willing to pay the price the job can be done. The sum total of public sentiment is the mental attitude of each of you as an individual. What will you do with it?

This report was amended by adding the following:

In view of the great awakening on the liquor situation in Wa-tauga County produced by resolutions passed by the pastors and deacons in their meeting and by the churches of this association against the liquor and beer business, and in view of the coming election in our county when a representative to the next General Assembly of N. C. will be elected, we the delegates of the Three Forks Association assembled at Oak Grove Church this the 30th day of Aug. 1938 do pass the following resolutions:

RESOLVED FIRST: That we endorse the resolutions passed by the pastors and deacons and the churches against the wine, beer and liquor business, and

RESOLVED SECOND: That we will endorse and vote only for a man for the coming legislature who will publicly declare himself against liquor in all forms, and

RESOLVED THIRD: That he must pledge the voters to introduce a bill to put wine and beer out of our county, and that he will personally see that the bill is carried through with the help he can secure from other drys in the legislature, and

RESOLVED FOURTH: That he will not sell out to any man or movement or agency of the liquor forces or any other influence for or in favor of liquor in any form, and

RESOLVED FIFTH: That to such a candidate for the next legislature we pledge our support, our efforts and our prayers,

Respectfully submitted,

Wade E. Brown, for report

J. C. Canipe, for amendments.

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A collection for the United Dry Forces was taken amounting to \$25.15 and was given to M. A. Adams.

The Annual Sermon being next in order, Phillip Fletcher called on J. O. Jones to lead in prayer. After which Bro. Fletcher read First Thessalonians 1:1-8 and Matthew 16:13-19 and announced his subject, "Being God's Trumpet." He then delivered

a helpful and inspiring message with special emphasis on the following thoughts:

1. Christ came to build a church
 - a. Purpose of Church
 - b. Foundation of Church
 - c. Material of Church
 - d. Origin of Church.
2. Christ gave the Church a message
 - a. Teach as Jesus taught
 - b. Follow Jesus in baptism
 - c. Carry message to all world
 - d. Observe ordinances of Church
 - e. Follow God's plan of financing the Church
3. Do God's will
 - a. In our lives through cooperation in His work
 - b. Without uncertainty by sounding clear note
 - c. In enlisting others in the work.
4. Power of the Church
 - a. Tarry, pray and receive power
 - b. Heavenly power house source
 - c. Holy Spirit
 - d. Go into all the world with God's Spirit.

F. C. Watts offered closing prayer and the morning session adjourned.

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened at 1:10, the devotional service being conducted by G. A. Hamby.

The report on missions was read by J. A. Williams. On motion to adopt by E. C. Hodges it was discussed by J. A. Williams, J. C. Owens, J. C. Pipes and James Gross and adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

Another year of Baptist work has come and gone. As we meet and think it over there is at least some degree of encouragement all along the lines of our endeavors. First, we read that our foreign mission debt is being paid at the rate of nearly two hundred thousand dollars per year until the present year. In face of the terrible war in China our missionaries are still at their posts to help and

cheer as best they can. How sorely they are needed. New missionaries have been sent out and many converts reported.

Second, our Home Mission Board has paid more than a hundred thousand dollars on its terrible debt. Thirty-nine new mission stations have been added to the something like six hundred already in the service. More than two hundred active preachers, teachers and workers are doing their best to win the lost of every race now in our borders.

In the Three Forks Association we have contributed about one thousand dollars to the Cooperative Program and substantial payments have been made on our state debts. Many fine workers have gone here and there teaching young and old. This is the Great Commission and is still the program of Missionary Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Williams,

A. E. Moretz.

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J. C. Canipe offered the report on Benevolences and on motion to adopt by W. C. Greene it was discussed by J. C. Canipe, Smith Hagaman, C. C. McKoin and adopted. Mr. McKoin presented Miss Hattie Edwards, Mrs. Tatum, workers from Mills Home; also Miss Druise Cashwell and Miss Dorthy Atkins who will be in school in Boone this year; Dorthy and Howard Day who went to the Home 11 1-2 years ago from Watauga County were present and Dorthy spoke feelingly of the Home.

Last year about 6,000 patients applied for admission to our hospital at Winston-Salem. They were able to admit only 4,056 because of lack of room. They had more than 75 patients from Watauga County, most of whom could not pay. These free services would represent for the hospital about \$7,500.00 and almost as much in doctor's fees, which would make a total of about \$15,000.00. About 2,000 churches gave a little more than \$20,000.00 to the hospital on last Mother's Day. They now have a staff of 70 doctors and 72 nurses. They are planning to build an addition to the hospital which will double its capacity.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCES

We, as Southern Baptists, foster three benevolent objects in our convention work, orphanages, hospitals and old ministers relief. In doing this we are carrying out our Lord's plans and commands and at the same time we are taking care of the sick, the helpless, the in-

firm and the aged. In order to obey our Lord's commands and meet our obligations to those who look to us for support we your committee make the following recommendations:

1. That we observe Mother's Day each year by taking a large offering in every church for the hospital at Winston-Salem.
2. That offerings for old ministers relief be taken and sent to the Relief Department of the State Mission Board at Raleigh.
3. That each church take an offering for the Mills Home once each month in the Sunday School and that on Thanksgiving day or week a large thank offering be taken for the home.
4. That all money for these objects be sent in immediately on collection.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. Canipe,
M. J. Williams.

J. C. Canipe offered the closing prayer and the Association adjourned to meet at 9:00 Wednesday morning.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Moderator called the Association to order at 9:00. After singing, "Take Time To Be Holy", J. C. Canipe conducted the devotional services.

The clerk called the roll of messengers and pastors.

A. J. Greene read the report on Obituaries and on motion to adopt by R. L. Wagoner it was discussed by A. J. Greene, Phillip Fletcher, R. C. Eggers, B. A. Cook, J. C. Canipe, E. J. Farthing, E. C. Hodges and J. R. Trivette and was adopted. At the close of the memorial service for our departed members Phillip Fletcher led in prayer.

Mrs. D. F. Horton presented the report on Woman's Work which was adopted on motion of J. C. Canipe after being discussed by Mrs. D. F. Horton and Mrs. J. L. Qualls.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

"Ye shall hallow the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof; it shall be a jubilee unto you." Lev. 25:10.

This year the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention is celebrating its Golden Jubilee which ends fifty years of service in Kingdom work. This anniversary properly ob-

served will open to us doors of wider service. Looking back upon the achievements of these fifty years every member should be justly proud of the history of the Union deeply grateful for the host of women and young people who have wrought so nobly. Viewing to-day our efficient organization with a trained leadership, we have every reason to expect the work of the next fifty years to far surpass that of the past.

We covet for ourselves a recommitment to the ideals of the founders of the organization and we desire that these ideals shall permeate the life of our churches, enlisting more women and young people in the work of the Kingdom; for it is the young people whose lives are dedicated to Christ and His service from whom must come the future pastors, missionaries and church workers fired with a zeal to carry out the great commission. This is the real purpose of the celebration in this our fiftieth year and we want to be true in a real sense to the purposes which have actuated our organization which are, "to stimulate the missionary spirit and the grace of giving through prayer and Bible study among the women and young people of the churches."

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Three Forks Woman's Missionary Union which was organized in 1913. The growth of our Union has been slow but yet the results have been far greater than the small band of women who gathered in the old school house at Cove Creek during the association ever dreamed of. Still there is much to be done for there are many churches yet unorganized and many women and young people unenlisted who need to be trained for kingdom service.

The Annual Meeting was held with Boone Church in July. The work this past year fine. We have 12 W. M. U. organizations and 13 spirit and fellowship of this meeting were great and reports of the young peoples organizations with a total membership of 487. During the past year our total gifts amounted to \$2,611.23, besides much which has been done in our own churches and communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. L. Qualls,

Mrs. C. F. Horton.

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The report of the Executive Committee was read by A. J. Greene who discussed same. After further discussion by R. C. Eggers, J. C. Pipes, N. M. Greene and J. C. Canipe it was adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee suggests the following questions for discussion.

1. What is a practical method of dealing with the absentee membership problem?
2. Should our churches elect pastors annually?
3. Does the Association need a director of prayer meetings or associational missionary?
4. Is tithing a practical method of giving?

Respectfully submitted,

G. P. Hagaman, Chairman.

A. J. Greene, Secretary.

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On motion of J. C. Canipe, seconded by G. W. Robbins, N. M. Greene was elected Associational Missionary.

Mrs. Ralph Greene read the report on Associational Progress which was adopted on motion of J. C. Canipe after being discussed by J. A. McKaugan, J. C. Canipe and J. C. Pipes.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL PROGRESS

	1936-37	1937-38	Gain or loss	
Membership	5,341	5,550	Gain	209
Baptisms	197	348	Gain	151
Sunday Schools	4,341	5,010	Gain	669
B. Y. P. U. Enrollment	451	409	Loss	42
Woman's Missionary Union ...	584	487	Loss	97
Local Contributions	\$20,906.08	\$21,047.98	Gain	\$141.90
Missions & Ben.	3,096.49	4,129.54	Gain	1033.05
Total Gifts	24,002.57	25,177.52	Gain	1174.95

Last year 33 churches gave \$1,762.24 to the Orphanage; this year 30 churches gave \$2,367.47, a gain of \$605.23. Last year 30 churches gave \$385.89 to our hospital, this year 30 churches gave \$600.81, a gain of \$214.92.

Hoyt Blackwell, Pres. of Mars Hill College, spoke briefly on Christian Education after being recognized as a visitor from the French Broad Association. N. L. Harrison was also recognized from the Stony Fork.

The Association adjourned for the noon recess, benediction by J. R. Trivette.

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association reconvened at 1:15, the devotional service being conducted by E. Y. Edmisten and W. C. Greene.

Tipton Greene presented the report on Christian Training and on motion to adopt by W. C. Greene it was discussed by Tipton Greene, Phillip Fletcher, H. P. Dougherty and adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN TRAINING

We have 73 Baptist Associations in North Carolina with a membership of 465,698; 2,437 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 331,194; 2,977 Woman's Missionary Societies with a membership of 53,400; 2506 Baptist Training Unions with a membership of 57,638.

Our activities should be such that all our churches would sponsor some or all of these training organizations and every pastor should encourage these activities and urge the young people to attend the Regional Meetings, also the Baptist Assembly at Ridgecrest. We recommend that our pastors in this association encourage and promote this work in their respective churches and thus help to train our young people in this phase of kingdom work.

Respectfully submitted,
Tipton Greene.

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S. C. Eggers read the report on Sunday Schools and on motion of G. W. Robbins it was adopted after being discussed by S. C. Eggers and James Hayes, who also spoke on Christian Education.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School is the teaching agency of the church. Through the Sunday School we learn the Bible, the Bible characters and the Bible ways of living.

We need more teaching and more teachers to teach. We should like to recommend that our Sunday Schools have at least one teaching course during the year. Quite a number of our Sunday Schools had a revival this year and report much good done.

Respectfully submitted,
S. C. Eggers, Sunday School Director.

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Cleve Gross read the following History of Oak Grove Baptist Church:

Oak Grove Baptist Church was constituted March 17, 1916 by Elders I. J. McGhinnis, E. M. Gragg, with the following charter members: Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Foster, Grace Foster, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hodges, Sue Greene, E. C. Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. John Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. Letcher Barnes, Stewart Barnes, Polly Adams, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hodges and Mrs. P. C. Wike.

For the first several years the church worshipped in the school house. In 1923 the first church building was occupied and was used until 1937 when the present brick building was erected.

The pastors of Oak Grove Church are as follows: E. M. Gragg,

W. A. Pennell, E. C. Hodges, F. C. Watts and W. D. Ashley.

On March 16, 1938, the church ordained E. C. Hodges to the Gospel Ministry, the presbytery consisting of W. A. Pennell, John Eller, Edmund Greene and N. S. Harrison.

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The Treasurer's, report as follows, was read and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance from last year	\$ 1.01	
Received from churches for minutes	86.89	
Received from W. M. U.	8.37	
Received from Mrs. Nora Wilson and Mrs. D. L. Greene	5.00	\$101.27
Paid for minutes	\$86.10	
Paid for cut of D. L. Greene	2.00	
Paid for Postage	6.54	
Paid Clerk	6.63	\$101.27
Balance		00.00

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G. W. Robbins presented the report of the Finance Committee which was adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Received for Minutes from churches	\$76.72
Received for Minutes from collection	6.01
	\$82.73
Paid to Treasurer	\$82.73

A. J. Greene read the report on Nominations which was adopted. This report will be found in the Associational Directory.

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The following report of the Resolutions Committee was read by Phillip Fletcher and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, wish to present the following:

1. We recommend that the messengers of the various churches note carefully the substance of each report adopted, give a report of same to their churches and help to carry it out.

2. We recommend that all our churches cooperate in every way possible with our State and Southwide workers; and especially that we prayerfully consecrate ourselves to the Southwide evangelistic effort being put forth.

3. That we recognize the splendid and efficient manner in which our Moderator has served this body.

4. That we commend the Clerk for his efficient services.

5. That we express our thanks to the Oak Grove Church and community for the bountiful dinners and their hospitality during the meeting of this association. May God's richest blessings be upon them.

Respectfully submitted,
Phillip Fletcher,
T. T. Danner.

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The Report on Time, Place and Preacher was adopted as read by D. F. Horton.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Time—Tuesday and Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in August 1939.

Place—Cove Creek Baptist Church, Sherwood, N. C.

Preacher—D. M. Edmisten.

Alternate—W. C. Greene.

Respectfully submitted,
R. L. Wagoner,
D. F. Horton.

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By motion the Clerk is directed to prepare the manuscript for the minutes, have them printed and distributed to the churches. On motion of D. M. Edmisten the Clerk is empowered to appeal to the churches for additional funds for minutes if necessary.

Officers were elected as follows:

R. C. Eggers, Moderator.

Clyde R. Greene, Clerk-Treasurer.

A. J. Greene, Historian.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

G. A. Hamby conducted the closing worship and the Ninety-Eighth Session of the Three Forks Association adjourned.

R. C. EGGERS, Moderator
CLYDE R. GREENE, Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THREE FORKS WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Association held its Twenty-Fifth Annual Meeting with Boone Baptist Church on June 16, 1938.

The session was opened by singing, "O Worship the King." After the devotional by Mrs. Ethel Hodges, who read parts of the 96th and 98th Psalms, Mrs. D. F. Horton led in prayer.

A cordial welcome was given by Mrs. J. L. Qualls, response by Miss Ella Austin.

Mrs. R. C. Winebarger gave an interesting talk on the hymn of the year, "The Woman's Hymn," which was then sung.

In her helpful talk on Personal Service Mrs. Nora M. Wilson stressed D. V. B. S., cottage prayer meetings, work for Negroes, distribution of good literature and reading rooms in our churches.

Since during this year W. M. U. is celebrating its Golden Jubilee, Mrs. J. C. Canipe in connection with her report on Mission Study gave an interesting talk on the achievements of W. M. U. during the past fifty years, after which Mrs. R. C. Winebarger led in singing the jubilee song, "This Glad Year of Jubilee."

The Librarian, Mrs. W. C. Greer, had no report but suggested that we visit the library during the lunch hour.

The Superintendent gave her report which showed three new societies organized besides the other work done.

The roll was called and the following societies responded with the number of their delegates: Antioch 2, Boone 30, Blowing Rock 13, Cove Creek 24, Meat Camp 6, Poplar Grove 8, Pleasant Grove 1, Shulls Mills 3, Stony Fork 7, Willow Valley 2, and Zion Hill 3.

The most interesting part of the morning session was an address by Miss McCollough, a missionary on furlough from China, who brought us first hand information of our work in China and especially since the beginning of the war there. She challenged us to go forward as the women in China are doing in spite of the war and persecutions.

After special music by a quartette from Boone the Superintendent appointed the following committees:

NOMINATIONS—Mrs. J. M. Moretz, Mrs. R. L. Wagoner, Mrs. A. E. Moretz, Mrs. Nora M. Wilson, Mrs. D. M. Edmisten and Mrs. Ed Gwaltney.

RECOMMENDATIONS—Mrs. J. L. Qualls, Mrs. D. D. Dougherty.

RESOLUTIONS—Mrs. Don C. Perry and Mrs. Hattie Lewis.

TIME AND PLACE—Mrs. Carl Byers, Mrs. Virginia Harmon.

OBITUARIES—Mrs. Alice Brown and Mrs. J. J. Coffey.

The morning session was closed with prayer by J. C. Canipe.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was in charge of the Young Peoples' Leader, Mrs. Phillip Fletcher.

The meeting was opened by singing the G. A. hymn, "We've a Story To Tell to the Nations."

The devotional was conducted by Maya Lee Palmer, who read several passages of scripture and led in prayer.

Special music was given by Miss Margaret Adams.

The Proclamation of the twenty-fifth anniversary of G. A. was given by Clara Norris; the G. A. parade of progress by Mrs. James B. Mast and a playlet, "A Candle of the Lord" by young people from Cove Creek Church. Special music by Miss McCollough.

The Committee on Obituaries reported four deaths during the past year: Mrs. Clyde R. Greene, Mrs. J. M. Hodges, Mrs. Keller and Lucinda Mast. These are greatly missed in their homes, churches and societies but we bow in humble submission to God's will, knowing that He doeth all things well.

The Nominating Committee made the following report which was adopted:

Superintendent	Mrs. D. P. Coffey
Assistant Superintendent	Mrs. Clara Brown
Secretary-Treasurer	Mrs. Don C. Perry
Mission Study Chair.	Mrs. J. C. Canipe
Personal Service Chair.	Mrs. D. F. Horton
Stewardship Chair.	Mrs. J. L. Qualls
Librarian	Mrs. W. C. Greer
Young Peoples' Leader	Miss Ella Austin
Asst. Young Peoples' Leader	Mrs. Carl Winebarger

Mrs. D. D. Dougherty read the report on Recommendations which was adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We are grateful for the many blessings which have come to us in the past twenty-five years of service in the Three Forks Association and believing that the coming years will bring to us enlarged opportunities, if we remain true to the purposes of the Woman's Missionary Union, we recommend:

1. That the year book be accepted as the plan of work for our Union, and that the plans and methods as set forth be followed as far as practicable in all our societies.

2. That the chief aims of the W. M. U., prayer, enlistment, study, stewardship, personal service and missionary education of our young people be stressed in every way possible.

3. That in our personal service work emphasis be placed on soul winning.

4. That the members of each society strive to enlist every woman member of their church as members of the W. M. U. so that all may work together as, "Laborers Together with God".

5. Every member of the various societies should have access to Royal Service, the mission magazine.

6. As this is the Golden Jubilee year we recommend that our Union review the achievements of the years and that we do our part in carrying out the goals set up by the Jubilee Committee.

7. We earnestly recommend that every woman be faithful in prayer as it is the source of all our strength.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. L. Qualls

Mrs. D. D. Dougherty.

The following report on Resolutions was read by Mrs. Don C. Perry and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

We, the members of the W. M. U. of the Three Forks Association, who have met in this our Twenty-Fifth Annual Session are duly grateful for the privilege which has been ours of Christian fellowship today.

RESOLVED, That we express our sincere thanks to the ladies of the Boone Church for the kind way in which they have entertained us.

RESOLVED, That we offer our gratitude and praise for the first year of service by Mrs. Coffey, our Superintendent and that we pledge our loyalty, love and prayers as we go from this church

with a new sense of our commission from God, with a new purpose to bring the world to His feet.

RESOLVED, That we offer our deepest appreciation to all who have had any part in making this meeting a success.

RESOLVED, That we extend our best wishes to the visiting brethren and sisters and that we invite them back to meet with us.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Don C. Perry,
Mrs. Hattie S. Lewis.

The following report on Time and Place was given by Mrs. Carl Byers and adopted.

PLACE—Meat Camp Baptist Church.

TIME—To be decided later.

An announcement was made by Rev. M. A. Adams in regard to a Field Day being held in many of our churches on June 19th in trying to abolish liquor from our county.

A collection was taken for the minute fund which resulted in an offering of \$5.22.

A Golden Jubilee meditation was given by Mrs. D. F. Horton and Mrs. Don C. Perry.

On motion the session adjourned with prayer by Rev. Philip Fletcher.

MRS. D. P. COFFEY, Superintendent
MRS. DON C. PERRY, Secretary.

DEDICATED

To the Members Who Have Passed to the Great Beyond
Since Our Last Session.

ANTIOCH:

Mrs. Nora Glenn
Mrs. Addie Reed
Mrs. M. C. Tester

BETHEL:

Mrs. Leah J. Greene
Mrs. Rebecca Millsaps
Mr. Ula Cooter

BLOWING ROCK:

Mrs. M. C. Johnson

BOONE:

Deacon W. F. Miller
Mr. B. J. Councill
Mrs. J. M. Hodges
Mrs. Clyde R. Greene

BRUSHY FORK:

Mr. George Teague

COOL SPRINGS:

Deacon J. W. Pennell

COVE CREEK:

Mr. John McBride
Mr. J. C. Smith
Mrs. Lucinda Mast
Mr. Ronald Palmer

ELK KNOB:

Mrs. Hiram Hockedy

FOREST GROVE:

Mr. Alvin Hagaman

HOWARDS CREEK:

Mrs. Blanche Hayes
Mr. B. R. Brown
Mrs. Betty Lane

MIDDLE FORK:

Mrs. Chanie Elrod

MOUNT CALVARY:

Mr. J. C. Hubbard
Mr. D. M. Shook
Mrs. James Ramsey

MOUNT GILEAD:

Mrs. Lucinda Reece

MOUNT LEBANON:

Deacon G. L. Wall
Deacon J. M. Isaacs

OAK GROVE:

Mr. B. A. Hodges
Mr. Hurst Hodges
Mrs. E. C. Hodges

POPLAR GROVE:

Mrs. Rebecca Winkler

PROFFITS GROVE:

Mr. J. C. Proffit
Mr. J. C. Greene
Mrs. Verlie Davis

RICH MOUNTAIN:

Mrs. Bina Keller
Mrs. M. V. Hardy

SHULLS MILLS:

Mrs. Anna Day

STONY FORK:

Mr. G. L. Payne

UNION:

Mrs. G. H. Thomas
Mr. A. J. Swift
Mrs. Catherine Isaacs

ZIONVILLE:

Mrs. Hannah Warren
Mrs. Blanche Greer
Mrs. Martha Eggers

TABLE I — CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Village, Town, City or Country?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES										CHURCH MEMBERSHIP										Rec. State Bap. Paper
			Days of Meeting	Gains				Losses Total						Weekly Prayer Meet'gs	Reverials Held	Obs. Lord's Supper							
				Members Report- ed Last Year	Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Total Present Members										
1. Antioch.....	C	1849	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock.	1	202	57	11	1	3	3	197	*	1	2	4								
2. Beaver Dam.....	C	1874	W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rock.	1	138	102	9	1	3	209	*	2	1	2	4								
3. Bethany.....	C	1888	F. C. Watts, Purlear.....	2	102	9	1	1	3	112	*	1	1	2	5								
4. Bethel.....	C	1851	W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rock.	4	296	5	1	2	5	3	287	*	1	2	5								
5. Blowing Rock.....	C	1903	Phillip Fletcher, Sherwood.	2 4	175	2	3	2	1	1	177	*	1	4	20								
6. Boone.....	C	1871	J. C. Canipe, Boone.....	All	466	44	54	22	30	4	538	*	1	4	20								
7. Brookside.....	C	1932	L. N. Keller, Fleetwood.....	4	30	3	3	2	3	30	30	*	1	2	3								
8. Brushy Fork.....	C	1858	J. C. Canipe, Boone.....	3	146	3	3	2	1	146	3	*	1	2	3								
9. Clark's Creek.....	C	1888	Carl Triplett, Blowing Rock.	3	16	15	5	1	3	31	31	*	1	2	3								
10. Cool Springs.....	C	1799	T. T. Danner, Valle Crucis.	4	114	5	1	1	1	118	118	*	1	2	6								
11. Cove Creek.....	V	1880	Phillip Fletcher, Sherwood.	1 3	232	10	1	10	4	229	*	1	1	2	6								
12. Elk Knob.....	C	1890	J. R. Trivette, Tamarack.....	3	68	7	1	3	7	73	73	*	1	2	3								
13. Forest Grove.....	C	1889	R. C. Eggers, Zionville.....	3	141	11	1	1	3	148	148	*	1	2	3								
14. Gap Creek.....	C	1880	J. C. Canipe, Boone.....	1	100	10	1	3	3	107	107	*	1	2	3								
15. Howards Creek.....	C	1883	D. M. Edmisten, Sug. Grove.	3	143	4	1	1	3	140	140	*	1	2	3								
16. Laurel Springs.....	C	1873	W. C. Greene, Laxon.....	1	184	4	11	2	4	165	165	*	1	2	3								
17. Meat Camp.....	C	1851	Tipton Greene, Boone.....	1 3	169	7	1	2	4	135	135	*	1	2	3								
18. Middle Fork.....	C	1905	Grady Minton, Vlas.....	3	127	9	1	1	1	137	137	*	1	2	3								
19. Mount Calvary.....	V	1880	Phillip Fletcher, Sherwood.	1 3	180	17	4	1	1	178	178	*	1	2	3								
20. Mount Gilthead.....	C	1869	Viva Greene, Cranberry.....	1	75	3	3	2	2	83	83	*	1	2	3								
21. Mount Lebanon.....	C	1891	T. T. Panner, Valle Crucis.....	2	188	6	2	1	1	192	192	*	1	2	3								
22. Oak Grove.....	V	1916	F. C. Watts, Purlear.....	2	173	7	1	3	3	181	181	*	1	2	3								
23. Pleasant Grove.....	C	1891	D. M. Edmisten, Sug. Grove.	2 4	163	40	7	1	6	207	207	*	1	2	3								
24. Poplar Grove.....	C	1872	R. C. Eggers, Zionville.....	1	109	21	4	1	2	113	113	*	1	2	3								
25. Profitis Grove.....	C	1919	Carl Triplett, Blowing Rock.	1	93	2	1	1	2	98	98	*	1	2	3								
26. Rich Mountain.....	C	1905	E. C. Hodges, Boone.....	1	71	13	1	1	2	69	69	*	1	2	3								
27. Shulls Mills.....	C	1888	Vilas Minton, Vlas.....	3 3	47	28	13	1	1	88	88	*	1	2	3								
28. South Fork.....	C	1833	W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rock.	2	166	6	1	2	6	160	160	*	1	2	3								
29. Stony Fork.....	C	1887	Vilas Minton, Vlas.....	2	170	6	1	1	2	175	175	*	1	2	3								
30. Three Forks.....	C	1790	J. C. Canipe, Boone.....	3	127	6	5	1	2	141	141	*	1	2	3								
31. Timbered Ridge.....	C	1906	Tipton Greene, Boone.....	1	208	8	2	2	2	214	214	*	1	2	3								
32. Union.....	C	1893	W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rock.	2	244	5	2	1	4	245	245	*	1	2	3								
33. Willowdale.....	C	1911	Roby Painter, Balm.....	2	126	1	1	1	6	119	119	*	1	2	3								
34. Willow Valley.....	C	1935	G. A. Hamby, Lenoir.....	3	95	4	1	1	5	90	90	*	1	2	3								
35. Zion Hill.....	C	1886	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock.	3	134	3	1	1	1	138	138	*	1	2	3								
36. Zionville.....	V	1836	Tipton Greene, Boone.....	3	176	4	1	1	2	186	186	*	1	2	3								
			TOTALS	5299	348	134	4	11	104	14	50	8550											

TABLE II. — SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES		SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES															
		Cradle Roll Under 3	Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16	Young People 17-24	Adults 25 and Up	Extension Dept.	Department Officers	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Baptisms from S. S.	Is School Graded	Teachers Holding Dip.	Enrollment D. V. B. S.	Average Attendance
1. Antioch	Dwight Cable, Valle Crucis	18	8	12	26	16	22	102	42	*							
2. Beaver Dam	Dallas Wilson, Reece	20	23	26	35	30	49	183	110								
3. Bethany	J. L. Triplett, Matney	8	7	15	17	12	13	43	115	60	9						
4. Bethel	Carl Farthing, Sugar Grove								227	138							
5. Blowing Rock	K. K. Brown, Blowing Rock	30	24	27	25	50	71										
6. Boone	W. D. Farthing, Boone	18	17	32	72	62	200	186	20	158	300						
7. Brookside																	
8. Brushy Fork	Coy Love, Vilas	7	9	9	9	16	35			40	84						
9. Clark's Creek	W. C. Smith, Banner Elk																
10. Cool Springs	L. C. Rogers, Blowing Rock	12	15	19	30	21	41	78	233	115	9	*					
11. Cove Creek	S. F. Horton, Sugar Grove	29	15	19	30	21	41	78									
12. Elk Knob	Frank Main, Tamarack	5	4	9	8	20	15		65	53							
13. Forest Grove	J. G. Johnson, Reece	8	10	10	14	16	38	50	146	86							
14. Gap Creek	A. G. Miller, Deep Gap	7	10	20	26	12	42		117	50	10	*					
15. Howards Creek	Ned Norris, Boone	9	6	12	10	12	30		79	42							
16. Laurel Springs	D. B. Waggoner, Boone	16	12	25	36	57	70	14	238	173	4	*					
17. Meat Camp	Woodrow Greene, Zionville	8	11	12	23	24	30	33	133	66	6	*					
18. Middle Fork	Hal Shore, Blowing Rock	9	25	15	14	18	38		119	55		*					
19. Mount Calvary	Ira Hodges, Banner Elk	10	13	10	11	18	28		90	60	15	*					
20. Mount Gilead	Smith Eggers, Whaley	15	20	25	1	35			95	65		*					
21. Mount Lebanon	Ronda Earp, Vilas	11	9	14	8	12	26		80	58		*					
22. Oak Grove	L. M. Hodges, Adams	21	20	19	33	33	42		168	85		*					
23. Pleasant Grove	J. W. H. Anderson, Zionville	23	36	46	43	64	106		318	200		*					
24. Poplar Grove	M. W. Day, Shulls Mills	20	12	24	27	20	32		135	90		*					
25. Profits Grove	A. J. Bryan, Zionville	11	13	16	17	16	19	32	124	43		*					
26. Rich Mountain	J. A. Penley, Zionville	6	4	12	10	8	10	16	66	43		*					
27. Shulls Mills	Paul Day Shulls Mills	18	12			34	31		95	72		*					
28. South Fork	E. R. Mkeal, Todd								116	51		*					
29. Stony Fork	W. L. Greene, Stony Fork	13	22	10	28	24	33	92	222	156		*					
30. Three Forks	W. G. Todd, Boone	3	7	11	6	12	15	37	91	54	6	*					
31. Timbered Ridge	Robert Greene, Reece	8	10	12	31	36	19	41	157	90	6	*					
32. Union	J. M. Burckett, Mabel	8	10	6	12	15	12	54	127	80	5	*					
33. Willowdale	A. J. Greene, Vilas	10	12	14	12	10	22	33	113	80		*					
34. Willow Valley	Custer Ward, Sugar Grove	12	4	10	9	9	15	42	101	51		*					
35. Zion Hill	M. V. Ward, Beech Creek	19	18	16	11	32			96	65		*					
36. Zionville	R. L. Trivette, Zionville								130								

CHURCHES

	B. T. U. With Director	B. A. U.'s	B. Y. P. U.'s	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions	Adults Enrolled	Seniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Story Hours	Tot'l Daily Bible R'd'rs	Study Course	Total Systematic	Givers All Unions
1. Blowing Rock.....	Yes	1	1	2	1	5	9	20	29	11	69	11	36	43	41	
2. Boone.....	Yes	1	1	2	1	5	25	25	35	27	117	10	75	42	..	
3. Cove Creek.....	Yes	1	1	1	1	4	10	22	15	12	63	12	25	33	34	
4. Mount Calvary.....	Yes										69		2			
5. Oak Grove.....	No			1	1	2			20	15	35	7				
6. Poplar Grove.....	Yes	1	1	1	1	3		9	15	12	36		12	26	18	
7. Stony Fork.....	No			1	1	1			20		20					

TABLE IV. — WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND POST OFFICES										CHURCHES					
	No. W. M. Societies	No. of Y. W. A's.	No. of G. A's.	No. of R. A's.	No. of Sunbeams	Total W. M. U. Org's.	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A's. Members	G. A's. Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrled	Total Enrled M. S. C.	Contributions to Local Work by W. M. U.	Contributions to Missions by W. M. U.	Grand Total Given by W. M. U.	
1. Antioch.....	2				1	1	15				51	..	6.00	70.88	76.88	
2. Blowing Rock.....	1	1	2	1	1	5	25	104	12	15	64	64	1677.05	256.71	1940.76	25.00
3. Boone.....	1	1	2	1	1	5	104	26	33	24	129	65	25.85	87.34	113.19	34.00
4. Cove Creek.....	1	1			1	1	18				18	7	15.25	56.37	71.62	34.00
5. Meat Camp.....	1				1	1	2	24		8	22	7	12.25	16.80	16.80	34.00
6. Mount Calvary.....	1				1	1	1	18			18	..	1.65	42.50	44.15	20.00
7. Pleasant Grove.....	1					1	1	20			20	..		20.00	20.00	34.00
8. Poplar Grove.....	1					1	1	20			20	..		148.35	185.10	34.00
9. Shulls Mills.....	1					1	1	20			20	..	36.75	148.35	185.10	34.00
10. Stony Fork.....	1					1	1	20			20	..		68.88	68.88	34.00
11. Willow Valley.....	1					1	1	20			20	..		68.88	68.88	34.00
12. Zion Hill.....	1					1	1	20			20	..		68.88	68.88	34.00

TABLE V.—CHURCH PROPERTY

CHURCHES															
CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES															
Own House Worship?	When Was it Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Dept. Assembly Rooms	No. Sep. Class Rooms	Value Church House and Grounds	Value Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried				
Yes	1903	Wood	300	1	3	7	2500	2500	2500	.....	.....				
Yes	1924	Wood	350	10	1	7	3800	3800	3800	.....	.....				
Yes	1898	Wood	200	1	1	6	1000	1000	1000	.....	.....				
Yes	1924	Brick	350	7	1	6	5000	5000	5000	.....	.....				
Yes	1924	Brick	200	8	1	1	717000	17000	17000	.....	.....				
Yes	29-37	Brick	850	47	6	41	75000	82500	115000	25000	.....				
Yes	1881	Wood	300	6	1	5	4000	4000	4000	1500	.....				
Yes	1910	Wood	400	1	1	1	500	500	500	.....	.....				
Yes	1923	Brick	400	10	1	9	10000	14000	14000	400	2200				
Yes	1890	Wood	200	1	1	1	500	500	500	.....	.....				
Yes	1907	Wood	450	1	1	1	1300	1300	1300	.....	.....				
Yes	1900	Wood	300	2	1	1	1200	1200	1200	.....	.....				
Yes	1938	Brick	600	3	1	2	1000	1000	1000	.....	.....				
Yes	1927	Wood	400	5	1	4	5000	5000	5000	.....	.....				
Yes	1905	Wood	300	1	1	1	2000	2000	2000	.....	.....				
Yes	1933	Brick	400	6	1	5	6000	6000	6000	278	.....				
Yes	1891	Wood	200	1	1	1	1500	1500	1500	.....	.....				
Yes	1937	Brick	400	6	1	5	900	900	900	.....	.....				
Yes	1892	Wood	400	5	1	4	7000	7000	3000	.....	.....				
Yes	1914	Wood	225	1	1	4	1825	1825	1825	.....	.....				
Yes	1919	Wood	300	1	1	1	4000	4000	4000	.....	.....				
Yes	1888	Wood	300	1	1	1	1000	1000	1000	.....	.....				
Yes	1907	Wood	250	1	1	1	2000	2000	2000	.....	.....				
Yes	1901	Wood	300	1	1	1	3000	3300	3300	.....	.....				
Yes	1889	Wood	600	1	1	1	3000	3000	3000	.....	.....				
Yes	1922	Wood	300	1	1	1	1200	1200	1200	.....	.....				
Yes	1912	Wood	300	8	1	7	3000	3000	3000	.....	.....				
Yes	1893	Wood	250	1	1	1	800	800	800	.....	.....				
Yes	1923	Wood	300	1	1	6	3000	3000	3000	.....	.....				
Yes	1886	Wood	400	3	1	2	1500	1500	1500	.....	.....				
Yes	1926	Wood	300	7	1	6	5000	5000	5000	.....	.....				

TABLE VI. — GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK

CHURCHES										
Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for Sunday School and B.Y.P.U. and W.M.S.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing the Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	Grand Total for Local Its Organizations
1. Antioch.....	117.98	14.25	.....	.....	13.27	17.45	5.9	1.50	5.80	175.23
2. Beaver Dam.....	151.49	92.00	.....	.....	25.00	24.14	.....	1.45	.....	294.08
3. Bethany.....	100.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	1.00	.....	111.00
4. Bethel.....	162.09	35.49	1.00	.....	32.61	46.55	.....	3.00	.....	280.74
5. Blowing Rock.....	250.78	16.21	65.00	.....	120.00	85.05	.....	2.00	68.84	594.20
6. Boone.....	1820.00	217.75	1048.87	1425.00	910.69	842.50	10.00	15.00	1205.00	6994.80
7. Brookside.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8. Brushy Fork.....	200.00	4.14	97.00	.....	24.14	34.33	5.00	3.00	.....	367.61
9. Clark's Creek.....	.....	14.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14.00
10. Cool Springs.....	80.85	84.85	95.00	.....	6.00	14.00	12.00	1.20	.....	293.90
11. Cove Creek.....	448.82	54.97	22.90	260.00	44.10	79.21	5.87	3.00	.....	918.87
12. Elk Knob.....	37.75	15.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52.75
13. Forest Grove.....	95.63	30.05	20.83	.....	30.00	21.47	7.90	1.00	.....	168.48
14. Gap Creek.....	117.90	27.00	260.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	465.07
15. Howards Creek.....	83.68	25.00	.....	52.00	1.00	13.82	10.00	2.65	4.48	192.63
16. Laurel Springs.....	140.60	15.50	3328.75	.....	.....	26.61	86.00	.....	.....	3751.63
17. Meat Camp.....	186.27	41.00	15.71	.....	34.51	27.51	.....	.....	24.98	337.12
18. Middle Fork.....	82.00	7.50	.....	.....	19.76	24.66	7.14	2.50	35.57	171.99
19. Mount Calvary.....	250.59	44.86	35.80	180.00	22.45	47.45	.....	.....	.....	581.15
20. Mount Gilead.....	75.00	.....	20.60	.....	.....	11.21	.....	.....	.....	106.81
21. Mount Lebanon.....	65.75	54.44	.....	.....	.....	17.99	.....	1.50	.....	139.68
22. Oak Grove.....	125.00	43.37	.....	547.00	62.00	31.98	.....	2.00	.....	811.35
23. Pleasant Grove.....	256.00	68.14	325.00	.....	82.10	49.71	60	.....	.....	781.55
24. Poplar Grove.....	125.75	29.64	.....	.....	23.11	33.19	.....	.....	.....	215.44
25. Profitts Grove.....	68.00	15.00	.....	.....	5.97	17.11	.....	3.75	.....	106.08
26. Rich Mountain.....	43.07	8.00	71.18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	133.75
27. Shulls Mills.....	120.93	33.27	.....	.....	1.00	23.00	20.00	1.50	.....	201.22
28. South Fork.....	173.59	27.00	.....	.....	26.00	23.70	.....	3.02	3.50	255.08
29. Stony Fork.....	265.90	34.59	.....	.....	5.40	27.00	25.00	1.19	.....	360.89
30. Three Forks.....	121.50	45.00	.....	.....	39.56	26.32	17.15	2.50	7.38	259.91
31. Timbered Ridge.....	44.32	15.21	22.53	.....	3.00	.....	.....	1.11	.....	86.17
32. Union.....	82.29	60.00	.....	.....	10.00	.....	250.00	3.37	100.00	595.66
33. Willowdale.....	157.65	.....	30.00	.....	26.00	20.00	4.00	2.25	121.25	361.15
34. Willow Valley.....	22.00	.....	39.00	.....	34.46	25.91	25.00	1.70	7.13	402.55
35. Zion Hill.....	132.57	22.65	38.00	.....	.....	11.48	.....	1.00	11.90	217.60
36. Zionville.....	124.71	24.20	.....	.....	20.11	24.51	40.00	2.10	2.07	247.82

TABLE VII. — MISSIONS, EDUCATION AND ALL BENEVOLENCES

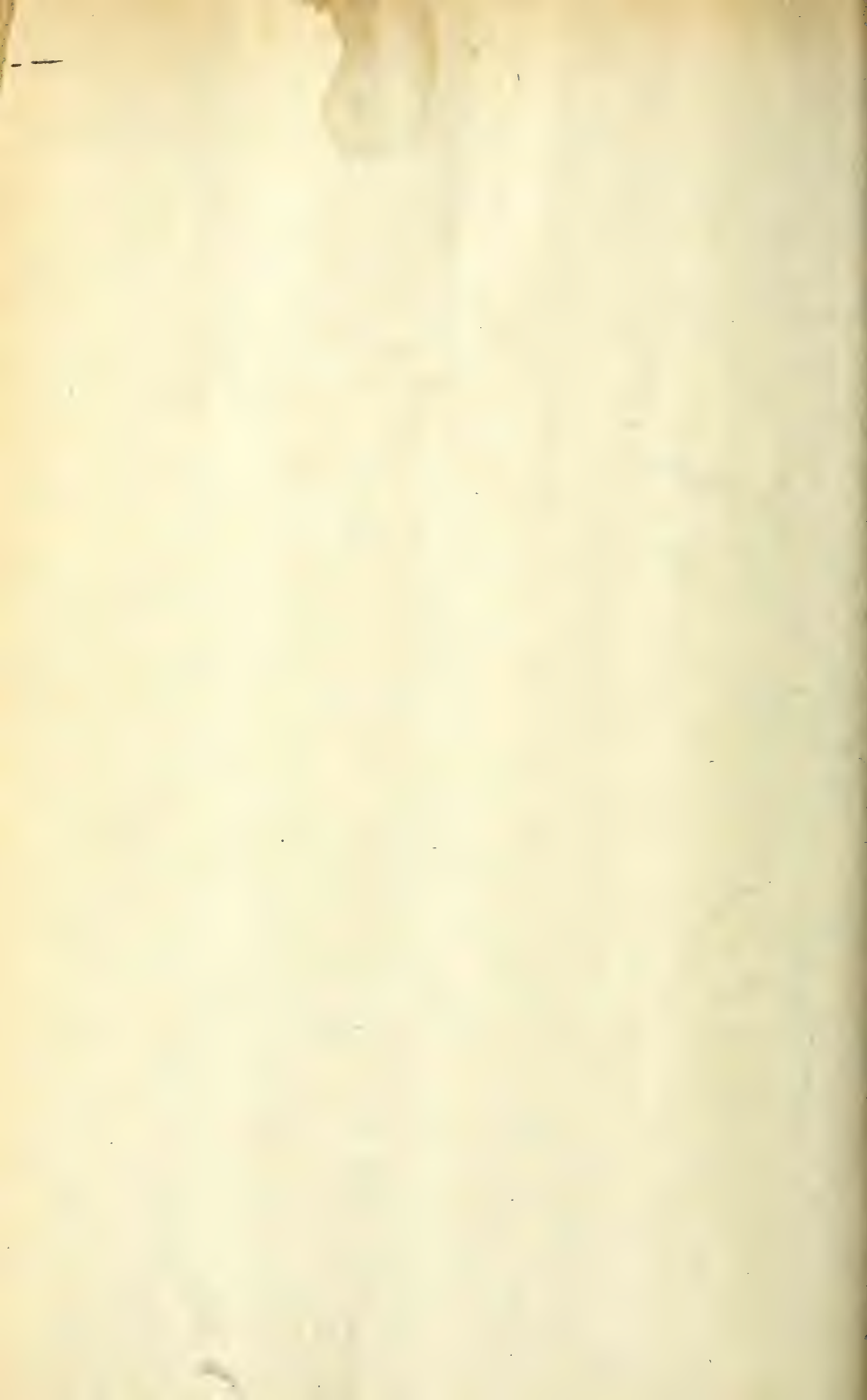
CHURCHES		REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES											
		Total To Co-operative Program	Special to Association- al Missions	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Christian Ed. and Ministerial Ed.	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	Other Special Gifts	Grand Total for Mis- sions and Benevolence- sions and All Departments	Purposes for Church and its Organizations
1. Antioch.....	E. L. Glenn, Sugar Grove.....	4.74	.....	2.00	2.00	3.86	24.11	134.00	36.51	3.40	215.02	582.63	281.20
2. Beaver Dam.....	Lee Swift, Reece.....	17.40	.....	.....	.....	1.45	38.55	8.23	2.46	.....	64.97	359.05	132.80
3. Bethany.....	W. L. Welch, Matney.....	40.20	.....	.....	5.16	10.67	196.34	14.13	4.40	.....	21.80	562.50	807.64
4. Bethel.....	D. P. Coffey, Blowing Rock.....	50.00	.....	18.19	.....	.....	18.95	7.66	.....	15.26	43.54	807.64	7375.67
5. Blowing Rock.....	Russell D. Hodges, Boone.....	17.00	.....	56.92	35.68	.....	129.74	56.37	52.16	380.87	7375.67	7375.67	7375.67
6. Boone.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7. Brookside.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8. Brushy Fork.....	Fred Wilson, Vilas.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9. Clark's Creek.....	Harston Coffey, Banner Elk.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10. Cool Springs.....	Kenneth Payne, Boone.....	43.32	.....	11.94	1.00	3.31	54.41	15.03	41.14	169.15	1088.02	1088.02	14.00
11. Cove Creek.....	S. F. Horton, Sugar Grove.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12. Elk Knob.....	Sam S. South, Tamarack.....	13.39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13. Forest Grove.....	Maude Warren, Vilas.....	.....	.....	15.11	12.82	10.58	9.86	5.88	2.30	2.30	31.43	196.91	52.75
14. Gap Creek.....	Mrs. Clyde Moretz, Deep Gap.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.00	9.23	6.83	63.57	528.64	528.64	194.93
15. Howards Creek.....	Mrs. W. L. Brown, Boone.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16. Laurel Springs.....	Eller McNeil, Boone.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	125.26	8.75	2.00	6.40	284.71	3885.64	621.83
17. Meat Camp.....	Howard Gragg, Boone.....	.....	.....	7.27	8.02	3.00	179.92	75.50	2.00	6.40	284.71	621.83	621.83
18. Middle Fork.....	L. P. Hodges, Blowing Rock.....	4.50	.....	18.99	39.50	.....	43.17	1.60	1.60	132.95	293.36	465.35	465.35
19. Mount Calvary.....	J. M. Shoemaker, Balm.....	.....	.....	3.18	.....	.....	34.70	2.77	2.77	45.15	626.30	626.30	626.30
20. Mount Gilead.....	O. H. Trivette, Beech Creek.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
21. Mount Lebanon.....	Clarence Earp, Vilas.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
22. Oak Grove.....	Joe McNeil, Vilas.....	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	41.84	3.00	7.50	114.31	114.31	114.31	114.31
23. Pleasant Grove.....	Don H. Perry, Zionville.....	29.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	14.18	10.25	7.41	41.84	853.19	853.19	853.19
24. Poplar Grove.....	P. M. Winkler, Shulls Mills.....	8.05	.....	.....	.....	.....	186.17	78.40	26.20	320.67	1102.22	1102.22	1102.22
25. Proffits Grove.....	W. A. Proffitt, Zionville.....	.....	.....	1.33	.....	.....	52.55	4.70	.....	66.63	282.07	282.07	282.07
26. Rich Mountain.....	L. E. Beach, Zionville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48.57	2.07	.....	52.87	158.95	158.95	158.95
27. Shulls Mills.....	I. B. Reed, Shulls Mills.....	6.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	49.50	3.15	.....	52.65	186.40	186.40	186.40
28. South Fork.....	W. F. Norris, Todd.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70.00	11.40	.....	87.40	288.62	288.62	288.62
29. Stony Fork.....	D. L. Wellborn, Deep Gap.....	.....	.....	2.33	.....	.....	41.00	8.00	2.05	55.70	310.78	310.78	310.78
30. Three Forks.....	W. G. Todd, Boone.....	46.37	.....	1.00	.....	.....	204.31	90.14	101.00	395.45	756.34	756.34	756.34
31. Timbered Ridge.....	E. B. Hagaman, Beech Creek.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.26	32.98	.....	129.51	389.50	389.50	389.50
32. Union.....	M. L. Warren, Mabel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	148.92	6.00	.....	154.92	241.09	241.09	241.09
33. Willowdale.....	Cecil Glenn, Vilas.....	25.02	.....	.....	.....	.....	45.00	9.00	.....	54.00	649.66	649.66	649.66
34. Willow Valley.....	Mrs. D. M. Edmisten, Sugar Grove.....	4.63	.....	3.45	.....	.....	87.65	70.83	.....	112.67	473.82	473.82	473.82
35. Zion Hill.....	R. M. Ward, Beech Creek.....	.....	.....	1.50	.....	.....	162.68	70.83	3.59	245.18	647.73	647.73	647.73
36. Zionville.....	Mozella Eggers, Zionville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100.54	5.06	.....	102.04	319.64	319.64	319.64
		TOTALS	.....	.....	.....	.....	2367.47	600.81	.....	4129.54	25354.22	25354.22	25354.22

THE PEOPLE CALLED BAPTISTS IN NORTH CAROLINA

We have 72 Baptist Associations (including 2 Indian) in North Carolina, composed of 2,468 churches with a membership of 471,554. We have 1,145 active pastors; 2,421 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 385,261; 2,971 Woman's Missionary Societies with a membership of 58,102; 1,119 Baptist Training Unions with 56,110 members.

Last year 1,836 of our churches reported baptisms, leaving 632 churches which reported none.

Our churches contributing to denominational objects number 2,268, leaving only 200 not contributing to any objects in the denominational program. The per capita contribution to denominational objects is \$1.36 while that to local objects is \$6.91, making total per capita gifts of North Carolina Baptists of \$8.27. Putting it another way, our total denominational gifts amounted to \$639,797.19, our total local gifts to \$2,621,562.30, making grand total of \$3,261,359.49 gifts to all causes both local and denominational.



*Clyde H. Greene
Boone, N.C.*

THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NORTH CAROLINA

NINETY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

Held With

COVE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Sherwood, N. C.

AUGUST 29th and 30th,

1939

The One Hundredth Session to be held Aug. 27th, 28th,
and 29th, 1940, with Three Forks Baptist Church, Boone,
N. C.

G. A. Hamby to preach the Annual Sermon

Vilas Minton, Alternate

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 27th, 1940

- 9:00-9:25—Devotional and Roll Call
- 9:25-9:45—Address of Moderator
- 9:45-10:15—Religious Literature
- 10:15-11:00—Temperance
- 11:00-12:00—Annual Sermon
- Noon Recess
- 1:00-1:15—Devotional
- 1:15-2:30—Missions
- 2:30-3:30—Benevolences
- 3:30-3:40—Closing Worship

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28th, 1940

- 9:00-9:15—Devotional
- 9:15-9:35—Obituaries
- 9:35-10:00—Report of Association Missionary
- 10:00-10:45—Woman's Work
- 10:45-11:15—Report of Executive Committee
- 11:15-12:00—Associational Progress
- Noon Recess
- 1:00-1:15—Devotional
- 1:15-2:00—Christian Training
- 2:00-2:45—Sunday Schools
- 2:45-3:15—Reports: Treasurer, Finance, Nominations, Resolutions, Time, Place and Preacher
- 3:15-3:30—Election of Officers and Miscellaneous
- 3:30-3:45—Closing Worship.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29th, 1940

The program for Thursday, August 29, 1940 to be arranged by Special Committee. This program to be in celebration of the One-Hundredth Anniversary of the Association and the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of Three Forks Church.

DIRECTORY

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

R. C. Eggers, Moderator	Zionville
Clyde R. Greene, Clerk-Treasurer	Boone
A. J. Greene, Historian	Vilas

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Wade E. Brown, Chairman	Boone
Grady Minton	Vilas
W. D. Farthing	Boone
Lee Swift	Reece
Mrs. D. P. Coffey	Blowing Rock
R. C. Eggers	Zionville
Clyde R. Greene	Boone

NOMINATIONS

Missions—Paul Tugman, Mrs. Gladys Mast Bingham.
 Religious Literature—J. A. Williams, Wiley Smith.
 Associational Progress—N. M. Greene, Verne Greene
 Benevolences—J. C. Canipe, Raymond Hendrix.
 Temperance—H. W. Wilcox, Mrs. Cling Hodges
 Christian Training—Mattie Lou Harman, Mrs. Mary Harris.
 Woman's Work—Mrs. D. P. Coffey, Mrs. D. D. Daugherty.
 Resolutions—Grady Hamby, Edgar Hardin.
 Obituaries—A. E. Moretz, Oscar Ward.
 Sunday School Director—S. C. Eggers.
 Baptist Training Union Director—H. W. Wilcox.
 Orphanage Director—Russell D. Hodges.
 Hospital Director—Dwight Edmisten.
 Nominations—Moderator to Appoint.
 Order of Business—Executive Committee.
 Time, Place and Preacher—Moderator to Appoint.
 Finance—Moderator to Appoint.

PROMOTION COMMITTEE

N. M. Greene, Chairman Boone

This Committee to be made up of one member from each church to be selected by the church and reported to the Association on the Church letter.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

N. M. Greene ----- Boone

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION ORGANIZATION

Director ----- H. W. Wilcox, Boone
 Assistant Director ----- Albert Bingham, Boone
 Secretary-Treas. ----- Mrs. Lelia A. Willis, Boone
 Adult Leader ----- J. G. Gibbs, Boone
 Senior Leader ----- J. O. Cooke, Boone
 Intermediate Leader ----- Mrs. Hale Vance, Boone
 Junior Leader ----- Mrs. Odes Wilson, Zionville
 Story Hour Leader ----- Mrs. Clara Simpson, Sugar Grove
 Group Leaders—Miss Ona Farthing, Mrs. Maxie Edmisten,
 Dayton Greene and Burl Isaacs.

W. M. U. ORGANIZATIONS

Superintendent ----- Mrs. D. P. Coffey, Blowing Rock
 Assistant Supt. ----- Mrs. Clara Brown
 Secretary-Treas. ----- Mrs. Don C. Perry
 Mission Study Chairman ----- Mrs. J. C. Canipe, Boone
 Personal Service Chairman ----- Mrs. D. F. Horton, Vilas
 Stewardship Chairman ----- Mrs. J. L. Qualls, Boone
 Librarian ----- Mrs. W. C. Greer, Boone
 Young Peoples Leader ----- Mrs. Herman Wilcox, Boone
 Asst. Y. P. Leader ----- Mrs. Nora Wilson, Zionville

SUNDAY SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

Director ----- S. C. Eggers, Boone
 Assistant Director ----- Rex Bumgarner, Vilas
 Secretary-Treas. ----- Mattie Lou Harmon
 Adult Leader ----- Mrs. D. P. Coffey
 Young Peoples Leader ----- Mrs. Carl Farthing
 Intermediate Leader ----- Mrs. Nora M. Wilson
 Primary Leader ----- Mrs. Ruth Matheson

ORDAINED MINISTERS

ANTIOCH—W. H. Glenn, Sugar Grove; G. W. Trivett, Vilas.
 BETHANY—J. T. McGuire, Altapass, N. C.
 BETHEL—L. C. Wilson, E. J. Farthing, Sugar Grove.
 BOONE—Roy Dotson, Tipton Greene, J. C. Canipe, Boone.

BRUSHY FORK—Grady Minton, Vilas.
COOL SPRINGS—W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock.
COVE CREEK—Paul Tugman, Phillip Fletcher, Sherwood.
ELK KNOB—D. C. Trivette, Zionville.
LAUREL SPRINGS—W. C. Greene, Laxon; J. L. Greene,
Deep Gap.
MEAT CAMP—N. M. Greene, A. E. Moretz, Boone.
MIDDLE FORK—R. H. Shore, J. J. Matney, Blowing Rock.
MOUNT CALVARY—Roby Painter, Balm.
MOUNT LEBANON—Vilas Minton, J. R. Shore, Vilas; T. T.
Danner, Valle Crucis.
OAK GROVE—E. C. Hodges, Boone
POPLAR GROVE—Clayton Greene, Shulls Mills.
RUTHERWOOD—A. B. Church, Boone.
SHULLS MILLS—James Hodges, Blowing Rock.
STONY FORK—H. H. Smith, T. S. Robbins, Deep Gap.
WILLOWDALE—A. J. Greene, Vilas.
WILLOW VALLEY—D. M. Edmisten, Sugar Grove.
ZIONVILLE—R. C. Eggers.

LICENTIATES

MIDDLE FORK—Earl Colvard, Blowing Rock.
RUTHERWOOD—D. C. Michael, Boone.
WILLOWDALE—E. Y. Edmisten.

ROLL OF MESSENGERS

ANTIOCH—Dwight Cable, Doughton Greene and G. B. Trivett.
BEAVER DAM—Geo. Robinson, Lee Swift and Clyde Robinson.
BETHANY—Victor Farthing, W. C. Smith and J. M. Michael.
BETHEL—C. J. Farthing, Bert Farthing and W. W. Wilson.
BLOWING ROCK—Ernest Banner, Kent Brown and Millard Hodges.
BOONE—Clyde R. Greene, J. A. Williams and Mrs. J. L. Qualls.
BROOKSIDE—Mrs. D. R. Ford, D. R. Ford and Mrs. Julia Penley.
BRUSHY FORK—L. M. Trivett, D. S. Love and S. E. Anderson.

- CLARKS CREEK—Harston Coffey, Joe Lawrence and Jacob Taylor.
- COOL SPRINGS—Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Carlton and Q. B. Cannon.
- COVE CREEK—W. F. Sherwood, Mrs. D. F. Horton and D. C. Mast.
- ELK KNOB—Frank Main, S. S. South and W. C. South.
- FOREST GROVE—Fred Hagaman, Dock Henson and Willard Phillips.
- GAP CREEK—L. H. Church, A. G. Miller and Thomas Fairchild.
- HOWARDS CREEK—Ernest Brown, Fields Baker and Mrs. Gurney Norris.
- LAUREL SPRINGS—W. M. Day, Joe Coffey and E. B. Hardin.
- MEAT CAMP—Verne Greene, Warren Greene and M. C. Brown.
- MIDDLE FORK—W. T. Vandyke, Earl Colvard and L. P. Hodges.
- MT. CALVARY—R. E. Smith, Ira Hodges and Carl Perry.
- MT. GILEAD—G. M. Younce, Harry Farthing and Ted Reece.
- MT. LEBANON—Bun Hodges, Clarence Earp and Donald Coffey.
- OAK GROVE—G. W. Rowe, Lionel Ward and J. C. Hodges.
- PLEASANT GROVE—Thomas Wilson, John Hagaman and A. A. Perry.
- POPLAR GROVE—W. G. Presnell, W. M. Day and P. M. Winkler.
- PROFFIT GROVE—Frank Winebarger, A. J. Bryan and W. A. Proffit.
- RICH MOUNTAIN—L. E. Beach, Della Eggers, and Sarah Beach.
- RUTHERWOOD—Fred Michael, Glenn Bodenhammer and George Greer.
- SHULLS MILLS—J. M. Day, G. W. Robbins and C. D. Honeycutt.
- SOUTH FORK—J. S. Brown, Glenn Howell and J. L. Miller.

STONY FORK—Ernest Greene, Oren Greene and John Wellborn.

THREE FORKS—W. H. Hayes, Lloyd Moretz, and J. C. Greene.

TIMBERED RIDGE—John Wood, John Ward, and Albert Tester.

UNION—R. A. Thomas, Russell Warren and Luther Oliver.

WILLOWDALE—Albert Hicks, Russell Atkins and Fred Balir.

WILLOW VALLEY—Oscar Ward, Ronda Norris and Spencer Cable.

ZION HILL—M. A. Ward, Jessie Mae Harman and Graydon Hagaman.

ZIONVILLE—W. K. Wilson, Edward Bumgardner and N. T. Byers.

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NINETY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**Held With
COVE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
Sherwood, N. C.**

FIRST DAY

Tuesday, August 29, 1939

Morning Session

1. The Three Forks Baptist Association of North Carolina met in its Ninety-Ninth Annual Session with Cove Creek Baptist Church, Sherwood, N. C., August 29, 1939 at 9:15.

2. The Session was opened by singing "How Firm A Foundation," led by John Oliver, after which J. R. Trivett offered prayer. N. M. Greene read the 12th chapter of 1st. Cor. and led in prayer.

3. The Moderator, R. C. Eggers, called the Ninety-Ninth Session to order for the transaction of business.

4. The Clerk read the constitution and rules of decorum of the Association.

5. Wade E. Brown read the report of the Committee on Order of Business which was adopted upon motion of G. W. Robbins.

6. The Moderator then announced the following committees:

NOMINATIONS—Wade E. Brown, A. J. Greene and Dave Love.

FINANCE—G. W. Robbins and L. M. Trivett.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER—J. C. Greene, Lloyd Moretz and Grady Minton.

7. The clerk called the roll of churches and the chairmen of committees.

8. The following visitors were then recognized by the Moderator: Lloyd B. Cole, Lebanon Association of Va.; Carl Triplett and Lindley Hampton, Stony Fork Association; M. A. Adams, representing the United Dry Forces; J. C. Pipes, representing State Mission Board; Samuel Edwards, Watauga Association, Tenn.; Smith Hagaman representing Baptist Hospital; I. G. Greer, representing Baptist Orphanage; J. A. McKaughan, Pilot Mountain Association; W. J. Cooke, Stony Fork Association; Mrs. Victoria Greene, Watauga Association, Tenn. and Mrs. Mary Stillman, Miami Association, Ohio.

9. N. M. Greene and Clayton Greene were recognized as ministers ordained since our last session.

10. The Moderator then delivered his Annual Address in which he emphasized the following: 1. Need of prayer in calling pastors. 2. Apply the 5th chapter of 1st. Cor. in church discipline. 3. Every church should set a goal for gifts to Co-operative Program. 4. Each church should revise her roll. 5. A W. M. U. should be in every church in our association. 6. An effort should be made to get a Biblical Recorder club in each church. 7. Each church should adopt the Ministers' Retirement Plan.

11. The report on Religious Literature was read by A. E. Moretz and on motion to adopt by G. W. Robbins it was discussed by A. E. Moretz and M. A. Adams and was adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

The literature we read determines in a measure our usefulness in life. Therefore we urge our people to select only the best, the class that informs, inspires and builds character.

After careful study of different churches we are led to believe that less than 25 per cent of our church members read the Bible daily. We have a far lower per cent who read the Biblical Recorder and the other denominational periodicals. These are alarm-

ing conditions, so much so that we urge every pastor and church leader to place special emphasis on religious literature, especially the Bible.

Poisonous literature in on every hand, in almost every home. This is a mighty challenge to every church leader.

We recommend:

1. At least one Bible School in every church.
2. That every church member subscribe for at least one denominational paper.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. Moretz

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12. The report on Temperance was not ready and Wade E. Brown made a motion that the subject be discussed and the report submitted later. This motion carried. The subject was then discussed by E. E. Garbee, and M. A. Adams. At the close of the discussion a collection amounting to \$16.81 was taken for the United Dry Forces. This collection was given to M. A. Adams.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Temperance has of late years been considered almost entirely in its relationship to the manufacture, sale and consumption of strong drink. This has come about because of the rise and fall of prohibition. It required years of teaching to place the 18th Amendment in our Constitution and likewise some time was required to change the sentiment of the people sufficient to bring about repeal. The question of strong drink will always be with us and today we want to think of it with that in mind.

Temperance is first of all a personal question. Shall we as individuals drink or not drink? However, since all individuals will not refrain from the use of strong drink then it becomes a social question as well as an individual one and must be considered in the light of the common good. Some profess to think that so-called control is the best way to deal with the question while other equally as well informed believe that prohibition is the most effective way. From actual conditions at this time after some years of the operation of the so-called control laws many thinking people realize that control has failed again as it did before the advent of prohibition and that it is now certain that legal prohibition will soon be here again.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Greene

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13. Rutherwood Baptist Church which has been recent-

ly organized applied for membership in the association and upon presentation of church letter and messengers was admitted. The Moderator presented the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

14. The Annual Sermon being next in order D. M. Edmisten took charge of the service. Will Cook led the congregation in singing "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" and J. C. Canipe led in prayer. Bro. Edmisten then read Math. 4: 23-25 and Luke 4: 16-20 and announced this subject "Our Program." He then delivered an instructive and inspiring message using the following outline to emphasize his thoughts:

- 1 Our Program is the program of Jesus.
- 2 Jesus' program was divided into four parts.
 - A. Preaching.
 - B. Teaching.
 - C. Healing
 - D. Ministering.

Vilas Minton offered prayer at the close of the message.

15. The Association adjourned for the noon recess, benediction by J. A. McKaughan.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

16. The afternoon session opened at 1:00, the devotional service being conducted by Carl Triplett.

17. J. C. Canipe read the report on Missions which was adopted on motion of G. W. Robbins after being discussed by J. C. Canipe and J. C. Pipes.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

Our mission program is divided into a threefold work. State Missions within our own state; Home Missions within our Southland including Cuba and Panama and Foreign Missions which takes in the whole outside world. In other words we begin in Jerusalem and go to the uttermost parts of the world.

We now have 439 missionaries on the Foreign Field. On these fields our missionaries baptized 16,207 last year. We have 252 missionaries on the Home Field who baptized 2303 last year. In our State we have our General Secretary, M. A. Huggins and two

state wide workers, J. C. Pipes and M. O. Alexander. Then we have 78 missionary pastors. These led 2182 into our churches last year.

Besides this wonderful missionary and evangelistic work we have through Christian education, orphanages and hospitals ministered to men's minds, hearts and bodies. Our denomination is trying to do as Jesus did when he went about all the villages and cities preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, teaching in their synagogues and healing all manner of disease among the people.

18. Tipton Greene presented the report on Benevolences and after motion to adopt by J. C. Canipe it was discussed by Tipton Greene, I. G. Greer and Smith Hagaman and was adopted.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCES

Your committee fully realizes the many unspeakable gifts of God climaxed in the gift of His Son that men everywhere through Him might be saved, and that Christ gave His life and His all. He stressed two supreme factors in Christian living, giving and loving our fellowmen. We suggest that these two holy and most worthy factors be emphasized in each church and thereby increasing a deep and abiding interest in our benevolent work. We further believe that in stressing these two Christian activities we shall receive more joy and render greater service for the ongoing of Christ's Kingdom.

We respectfully recommend:

1. That every church stress stewardship.
2. That each member give as he is prospered.
3. That every Sunday School make a monthly offering to our Orphanage.
4. That our Mother's Day offering for our hospital be stressed and increased.
5. That we emphasize small gifts.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. Williams

Tipton Greene

19. Below we give you some important information concerning our orphanage and hospital. This information was furnished by I. G. Greer and Smith Hagaman.

Since our Orphanage was established the total enrollment has been 3467. There are 573 enrolled at present, 14 being from Watauga County as follows: Dorothy Howard, Samuel Edward, Lewis Lee, Helen Beach and Mary Martha Day; Clarence, Jeter and

Bonnie Jean Greene; Carroll, Clyde, Myrtle Mae and Lillian Hartley and Myrtle Lee Huffman. The annual expense per child at Mills Home is \$284.36.

Last year about 7000 patients applied for admission into our hospital at Winston-Salem. They were able to admit only about 4000 because of lack of room. They had about 50 patients from Watauga County-most of whom could not pay. About 2000 churches gave a little more than \$22,000.00 as a Mother's Day offering to the hospital last year. They now have a staff of 72 doctors and 72 nurses and five internes.

The enlargement program, which will double the capacity of the hospital, is going forward and will soon be a reality. Wake Forest Medical College will be moved to the hospital grounds and extended into a four-year medical course.

20. The session closed by singing "Amazing Grace," and J. R. Trivett pronounced the benediction.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY MORNING

21. The Moderator called the Association to order at 9.00. After singing "The Home Over There" Roby Painter conducted the devotional service.

22. The report on Associational Progress was read by J. A. Williams and on motion to adopt by A. J. Greene it was discussed by J. A. Williams, J. C. Canipe, K. K. Brown, Grady Hamby, Harston Coffey, W. F. Sherwood, D. M. Edmisten, E. B. Hardin, R. E. Smith, W. T. Vandyke, G. W. Rowe, W. G. Presnell, Carl Triplett, L. E. Beach, G. W. Robbins, Vilas Minton, W. D. Ashley, John Wellborn, J. C. Greene, John Ward, I. A. Bumgarner, Graydon Hagaman, M. A. Ward, Kemp Wilson, Mrs. B. D. Clawson and Smith Hagaman and was adopted.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL PROGRESS

	1937-38	1938-39	Gain	Loss
Memberssipp	5550	6129	579	
Baptisms	348	595	247	
Sunday Schools	5010	5021	11	
B. Y. P. U. Enrollment	409	507	98	
Woman's Missionary U.	487	432		55
Local Contributions	21,047.98	20,013.30		1,034.68
Missions & Benevolences	4,129.54	3,382.55		746.99
Total Gifts	\$25,177.52	23,426.34		1,751.18

Last year 30 churches gave \$2,367.47 to our Orphanage; this year 30 churches gave \$1,586.63. Last year 30 churches gave \$600,-81 to our Hospital; this year 31 gave \$422.02.

23. Mrs. Nora Wilson presented the report on Woman's Work and after motion to adopt by G. W. Robbins she led the discussion and presented Sherwood Bingham, Leo Mast, Mary Lee Palmer and Ruth Sherwood who took part in presenting the program. Mrs. Dave Mast then led the audience in singing the W. M. U. hymn of the year "I Love To Tell the Story." After further discussion by Mrs. D. P. Coffey the report was adopted. The association gave a standing vote of thanks to Mrs. D. F. Horton for her faithful work.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

"Laborers together with God," the perpetual watch-word of the W. M. U. is a reminder that we are the instruments and He the cause.

The annual watchword, "The Love of Christ constraineth us," was selected that it might serve to strengthen individual hearts, and bring the women in a more united force for the Master. The theme for the year is the Great Commission-Our Mission; the hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story."

The work of the W. M. U. is based upon six chief aims: prayer, both individual and united; enlistment; mission study; personal service, individual and directed; tithes and offerings and missionary education of the young people.

In this association one-third of the churches have a W. M. S. and only two have young people's organizations, Y. W. A., G. A., R. A., and S. B. But it is encouraging to note that the W. M. U. last year reached her goal in new members, societies, those doing personal work, mission study classes, tithers and Recorder and Window of Y. W. A. subscriptions. The total gifts last year were \$535.71.

Truly the Lord wants every Christian woman to be enlisted in His work. Let us get a vision of the opportunity afforded by W. M. U. and be laborers together with God for "the love of Christ constraineth us."

Respectfully submitted,

Nora M. Wilson

Margaret Adams

24. The report on Obituaries was presented by D. M. Edmisten. On motion to adopt by J. C. Canipe the Associa-

tion stood in memory of those who have passed since our last session and the report was adopted without discussion. J. C. Canipe offered prayer. A motion was passed authorizing the clerk to insert in the minutes a picture and short sketch of any deceased member if cost of same is paid by family of such deceased member.

25. Wade E. Brown read the report of the Executive Committee. After discussion by J. C. Canipe, M. A. Adams, Clyde R. Greene, R. C. Eggers, Wade E. Brown and D. M. Edmisten it was adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met at the call of the chairman several times during the year and makes the following recommendations for the consideration of the association:

1. That the Association endorse and recommend to the churches that they adopt the ministers retirement plan.

2. That the written reports to the Association be confined to definite information and facts.

3. That the Association discuss and consider the advisability of holding the Association in two separate churches on the two days of the sessions, the churches, of course, to be located reasonably close together.

4. That one person be selected by the Association to be general chairman for the Biblical Recorder and that an individual be selected from each church to work with the general chairman.

5. That the Promotion Committee be composed of one member from each church, selected by the church, and that the Association elect a chairman of the committee.

6. That the Associational Missionary be continued and that each church take at least one offering for him during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

G. P. Hagaman, Chairman

Wade E. Brown, Secretary

26. By motion of D. M. Edmisten, seconded by G. W. Robbins, N. M. Greene was reelected Associational Missionary and he submitted the following report covering last year's work:

During the past year, which is my first year as your Associational Missionary, I have reached 24 of our 37 churches. I have done revival work in 6 churches and have promoted the election of

14 deacons and have helped to ordain them. For the revival work I have received \$125.15 and for the Associational Missionary work I have received \$62.50. I have visited more than 600 homes in the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. Greene, Associational Missionary

27. The Association then adjourned for the noon recess, benediction by G. W. Robbins.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

28. The Association reconvened at 1:15, the devotional service being conducted by W. D. Ashley, prayer by Vilas Minton.

29. The report on Christian Training was read by Wade E. Brown who led the discussion. After further discussion by M. A. Huggins the report was adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN TRAINING

The Baptist of North Carolina have a complete and well rounded system of training for young men and young women, including high schools and Colleges Orphanage and Hospital facilities, nurses school and medical school. Only a synopsis of our Christian training institutions that are of primary interest to this section will be outlined in this report.

Practically all our boys and girls from this Association who go to Christian schools attend either Wake Forest, Meredith or Mars Hill. Wake Forest is a standard four year college for men having excellent departments in all the arts and sciences as well as a standard three year law school, and at present two years of medical training. In 1938 they had an enrollment of 976 and listed their net worth at \$3,356,755.09. Funds have recently been made available and plans are already taking shape to move the medical school to Winston-Salem, N. C., and establish a standard four year medical school in connection with the Baptist Hospital. Meredith College is located in Raleigh and has excellent departments in the arts and sciences with an enrollment in 1938 of 538 young women and with a net worth of \$2,097, 812.02. Mars Hill is a Junior coeducational College and is outstanding in its scholastic record as well as its highly predominant Christian atmosphere among the professors and student body. During the school year of 1938-39 they had an enrollment of 802 and list their net worth as \$621,424.58.

Our denomination maintains a well stocked book store in Raleigh, N. C., where all types of religious and other helpful reading

matter may be obtained. This store is valued at \$17,647.20.

In addition to all advantages which can be obtained in a state institution of similar character, a Christian institution offers the following:

1. Christian teachers who can definitely teach the Bible and its precepts.
2. Christian teachers with high ideals of Christian leadership.
3. Dominant Christian ideals continually held up before the students through chapel exercises, church organizations on the campus frequent revivals and various church training agencies.

Respectfully submitted,

Wade E. Brown

30. S. C. Eggers offered the report on Sunday Schools and on motion to adopt he discussed the report and it was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

This report was not turned over to the Clerk.

31. Phillips Fletcher read a short history of Cove Creek church and made appropriate remarks about it. At the suggestion of Bro. Fletcher and in view of the fact that a complete history of each church in the Association will be published in the minutes of the One-Hundredth Anniversary Session next year, this history is not included in the minutes this year.

32. The Treasurer's report as follows was read and adopted:

Received from churches for minutes	\$78.20	
Received from collection for minutes	6.10	
Received from W. M. U. for minutes	8.51	
Total Receipts		\$92.81
Paid for Minutes	70.14	
Postage	1.69	
Clerk	20.00	
Total Paid Out		91.83
Balance		\$.98

33. G. W. Robbins read the report of the Finance Committee, which was adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Received for Minute Fund	\$93.07
Received for Cooperative Program	7.37
Total	\$100.44
Paid to Treasurer	\$100.44

34. A. J. Greene presented the report of the Committee on Nominations and the report was adopted. This report will be found in the Associational Directory page 2.

35. Marion Thomas read the report on Resolutions which was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

We your Committee on Resolutions, wish to present the following:

1. We urgently request that our preachers, deacons and all church members make an honest effort to keep our people out of all business places where beer or wine is sold and we urge that a determined fight be waged to keep more beer-selling establishments out of our county.

2. We recommend that all churches where possible have preaching twice per month and that no preacher accept the care of more than four churches.

3. We condemn the desecration of the Lord's Day which is demoralizing not only our boys and girls but the citizenship of the country.

4. We urge that only men and women of good character and Christian influence be employed to teach in our public schools.

5. We extend our sincere thanks to the pastor and membership of Cove Creek Church for the splendid manner in which they have entertained the 99th session of our Association.

6. We recognize the efficient work of our Moderator and Clerk and we extend to them our sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Thomas

36. Clyde R. Greene read the report of the special committee to make suggestions for the celebration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the Association to be held in 1940. The report was adopted.

REPORT OF ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

We your committee wish to recommend the following for the 100th anniversary of our Association:

1. That the 1940 session last three days, the first two days being devoted to the regular business and the last day to the celebration.

2. Since the Three Forks Church will celebrate her 150th anniversary in 1940 we recommend that a part of the program be devoted to the history of that church.

3. That a history of the Association be written in as complete form as possible and that it be incorporated in the minutes of the 1940 session.

4. That we make an effort to have a marker erected at the Three Forks Church by the State Historical Commission commemorating the establishing of this church which is the oldest church in North Carolina west of the Blue Ridge.

5. That as a part of the celebration a pageant be put on depicting the changes in the County since the establishment of the Three Forks Church.

6. That the minutes of the 1940 session be made into a handbook of Baptist history both past and present by having a picture of each church and a historical sketch placed in the minutes.

7. That a committee be appointed at this time to have charge of the celebration, the selection of suitable speakers, the arrangement of the program, the materials to be used and all other details of the program.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Greene

R. C. Eggers

A. J. Edmisten

Clyde R. Greene

37. The Moderator appointed Wade E. Brown, A. J. Greene and J. C. Canipe on the committee recommended the above report.

38. The report on Time, Place and Preacher was adopted as read by Grady Minton.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Time—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after the fourth Sunday in August 1940.

Place—Three Forks Baptist Church, Boone, N. C.

Preacher—G. A. Hamby

Alternate—Vilas Minton

J. C. Greene

Lloyd Moretz

Grady Minton

39. By motion the clerk is directed to prepare the manuscript for the minutes, have them printed and distributed to the churches and he is allowed \$20.00 for this service.

40. Officers were elected as follows:

R. C. Eggers, Moderator; Clyde R. Greene, Clerk-Treasurer; A. J. Greene, Historian.

41. The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

42. J. C. Canipe conducted the closing worship and the Ninety-Ninth Session of the Three Forks Association adjourned.

R. C. Eggers, Moderator

Clyde R. Greene, Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

THREE FORKS WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Baptist Association held its Twenty-Sixth Annual Session with Meat Camp Church on June 5, 1939.

The session was opened by singing "How Firm a Foundation," followed by repeating the watchword of the year in unison, "The Love of Christ Constraineth Us." Mrs. R. M. Greene led the devotional reading the 5th chapter of 2nd Cor., after which Tipton Greene led in prayer.

A cordial welcome was given by Mrs. Carl Byers to which Mrs. Archie Qualls responded. "Throw Out the Life Line" was then sung.

Mrs. J. L. Qualls made some helpful remarks on "Stewardship—Our Challenge" followed by a reading, "The Moments of Her Days" by Hope Eller.

In her talk on the "Challenge of Mission Study" Mrs. J. C. Canipe stressed the fact that a reading church is an informed church; an informed church is an interested church; an interested church is a working church; a working church is a Bible and a missionary church.

To the roll call the following societies responded with the number of their delegates: Boone 15, Blowing Rock 4, Cove Creek 9, Meat Camp 10, Poplar Grove 19, Stony Fork 4, and Willow Valley 1. The following pastors were recognized: Tipton Greene, D. M. Edmisten, J. C. Canipe, A. E. Moretz and N. M. Greene, Associational Missionary. Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Jones of Elkin, N. C. were recognized as visitors.

The librarian, Mrs. W. C. Greer, reported the library as growing as never before. She put before the Union the plan of each society giving some good book to the library in memory of each deceased member. Boone already has the plan in action and she suggested that all societies adopt it.

The Treasurer made the following report:

Received for minute fund at annual meeting---	\$5.22	
Received for Minute Fund Supplement ---	6.65	
Received from sale of lunch at Boone -----	14.06	25.93

Paid out on 1937 Minutes -----	4.87	
Paid out for 1938 Minutes -----	8.51	13.38
Balance in treasury -----		\$12.55

Mrs. D. P. Coffey then reported 123 letters and 8 cards had been written; 188 miles traveled and two societies visited during the year. She urged us all to be better stewards. She then read a letter from Mrs. D. F. Horton expressing her regrets in being unable, to attend the annual meeting because of the serious illness of her husband and mentioned that this was the first meeting she had missed since the organization of the Union in 1912. On motion of Mrs. J. C. Canipe the secretary was directed to send a message of love to Mrs. Horton and Bro. Canipe led in prayer for blessings on Mr. and Mrs. Horton.

The Superintendent announced the following committees:
NOMINATIONS—Mrs. Carl Byers, Mrs. J. L. Qualls, Mrs.

Ethel Hodges, Mrs. S. F. Horton and Mrs. Howard Foster.
RECOMMENDATIONS—Mrs. O. J. Phillips and Mrs. Don C. Perry.

RESOLUTIONS—Mrs. Dave Mast and Mrs. James B. Mast.

TIME AND PLACE—Mrs. Don C. Perry and Mrs. W. C. Greer.

OBITUARIES—Mrs. D. D. Dougherty and Mrs. A. E. Moretz.

At this time the Union stood for a few moments in memory of Mrs. Edna R. Harris, State Corresponding Secretary, who had recently passed away, followed by singing, "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

The address of the morning was by Mrs. Earl C. Jones, formerly Miss Alva Lawrence of our State Board. She read an article on the passing of Mrs. Harris, spoke a few words in appreciation of her and then presented the plan of work of the State for every society in the W. M. U. for the Heck memorial in which we were especially interested at this time. She mentioned that \$1000.00 of the amount given in memory of Miss Heck would be used to help furnish the new addition at the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem; \$3000.00 to help build a training school in Japan for which Mrs. C. K. Dozier

made an urgent appeal; and \$8700.00 to help move our W. M. U. Training School from Louisville, Ky., to a more suitable location.

After singing "Bringing in the Sheaves," the morning session closed with prayer by J. C. Canipe.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The first part of the afternoon session was given by the young people with Daisy Austin in charge. The meeting was opened by singing, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," devotional by J. C. Canipe who read Romans 10: 9-15 and commented on it, prayer by D. M. Edmisten.

The W. M. U. Training School was discussed by Margaret Adams who said she was especially interested in the Training School because she plans to go there this fall.

A playlet, "Is It Nothing to You" was given by the young people of Meat Camp Church; and the young people of Popular Grove gave another playlet, "The Value of a Boy."

The Nominating Committee made the following report which was adopted.

Superintendent	Mrs. D. P. Coffey
Assistant Superintendent	Mrs. Clara Brown
Secretary-Treas.	Mrs. Don C. Perry
Mission Study Chairman	Mrs. J. C. Canipe
Personal Service Chairman	Mrs. D. F. Horton
Stewardship Chairman	Mrs. J. L. Qualls
Librarian	Mrs. W. C. Greer
Young Peoples Leader	Mrs. Herman Wilcox
Assistant Young Peoples Leader	Mrs. Nora Wilson

Mrs. Don C. Perry read the report on Recommendations which was adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is the recommendation of your committee that during the coming year an effort be made as never before to interest our young people first of all in real Christian living. We suggest that we put every safeguard possible around them and so live before them as to make the Christian life desirable.

We recommend that the program on evangelism launched by the Southern Baptist Convention for the year 1939 receive our hearty cooperation in its every detail; that we strive to emulate our Master by strengthening our personal service forces by helping the poor and visiting and cheering the sick; that above all else

should be prayer and supplication throughout the country in every society and every home for peace between all nations and for a great victory to be won through our evangelistic program and that every member of the societies use our Calendar of Prayer found in Royal Service.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. O. J. Phillips

Mrs. Don C. Perry

The following report on Resolutions was read by Mrs. Dave P. Mast and adopted:

RESOLUTIONS

We recommend to the women of the Three Forks Association that we more earnestly pray that we may be led by the Master and that His love may constrain us through another year and that we may join our hands, hearts and prayers in our Southwide program to win the lost to Christ.

Resolved: That we express our thanks to the ladies of Meat Camp Church for their hospitable entertainment during this meeting.

Resolved: That we extend our appreciation to those who have taken part on this program today or who have helped in any way to make this meeting a success.

Resolved: That we offer our gratitude to the officers of our W. M. U. for their services and that we pledge our cooperation and prayer in the work.

Respectmully submitted,

Mrs. Dave P. Mast

Mrs. James B. Mast

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The following report on Time and Place was given by Mrs. Don C. Perry and was adopted.

PLACE—Blowing Rock Baptist Church

TIME—To be decided later.

An offering was taken for printing the minutes which amounted to \$4.48.

After singing the hymn "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" the session adjourned with prayer by A. E. Moretz.

Mrs. D. P. Coffey, Superintendent

Mrs. Don C. Perry, Secretary

DEDICATED

To The Members Who Have Passed To The Great Beyond
Since Our Last Session

ANTIOCH—

Mr. J. L. Moore
Mr. A. J. Glenn
Mr. Jordan S. Ward

BEAVER DAM—

Mrs. G. P. Sherrill
Mr. Clyde Curry

BETHANY—

Mrs. Earl Dollars
Mrs. George Baird

BLOWING ROCK—

Deacon J. D. Brown
Mrs. Lester Coffey

BOONE—

Mr. A. D. Wilson
Deacon I. G. Greene
Mr. John E. Brown

BROOKSIDE—

Mrs. Kiter Hicks

BRUSHY FORK—

Mr. Stephen Holtzclaw

COOL SPRINGS—

Mr. Miller Shore
Mrs. Lottie Oliver

COVE CREEK—

Deacon D. F. Horton

FOREST GROVE—

Mrs. Noah Isaacs

LAUREL SPRINGS—

Mrs. Jones Miller
Mrs. Martha Brown
Mr. Will Greer
Mr. Laymon Watson
Mr. Adrain Phillips
Mr. Kimber Johnson

MEAT CAMP—

Mr. Wiley Norris
Mrs. Blanche Norris

MIDDLE FORK—

Deacon G. F. Edmisten
Mrs. Julia Triplett

MT. CALVARY—

Mr. Howell Scott
Mrs. Rispa Puckett

MT. LEBANON—

Mr. Lewis Harman

MT. GILEAD—

Mr. L. F. Bunton
Rev. Lee Norris

OAK GROVE—

Mrs. Beatrice Culler

PLEASANT GROVE—

Mrs. Lizzie Bryant Greene
Mrs. Chanie Dancey

Mrs. Adeline Day

Mrs. Iris Dancey

Mr. Iris Dancey

Miss Mae Perdue

Mrs. Elizabeth Reece

Mr. Hiram Wilson

POPLAR GROVE—

Mrs. Celia Penley
Mrs. Mae Oxentine
Mrs. Willard Presnell

Mr. J. W. Smith

SHULLS MILLS—

Mr. J. L. Honeycutt

SOUTH FORK—

Mr. W. H. Stanberry
Mr. C. M. Blackburn

STONY FORK—

Mr. Reely Smith

Mr. A. J. Wellborn

Mr. W. E. Greene

Rev. C. M. Carlton

TIMBERED RIDGE—

Mr. Alvin Greene

THREE FORKS—

Mrs. N. B. Brookshire
Miss Nelia Vandyke

UNION—

Mrs. Sarah Eggers
Mrs. Martha Cambell

WILLOWDALE—

Mrs. Nan Dugger

WILLOW VALLEY—

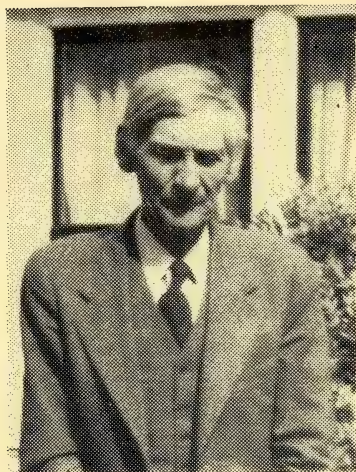
Mrs. Susie Harman
Mrs. Harve Main

ZION HILL—

Deacon E. T. Presnell

ZIONVILLE—

James Thomas



David Filmore Horton, son of Jack and Rebecca Mast Horton, was born Dec. 25, 1856 at the old Horton homestead in Boone, N. C. He was married to Sue A. Mast April 3, 1890. Ten children blessed their home, five of whom preceded him in death.

He professed faith in Christ and joined Cove Creek Church in Feb. 1894. He was loyal to his church and faithful to attend its services. He was treasurer of the church from Jan. 19, 1918 to Jan. 1, 1934 and was also treasurer of the Three Forks Association from 1901 to 1912. He was ordained a deacon Sept. 16, 1905 and served in that capacity until his death.

He was one of the pioneers in the movement for good schools and roads and adequate church facilities. He was county surveyor for a number of years and surveyed many of the older roads of the county.

His sense of humor and his good will toward his fellowman made him an agreeable neighbor. He was a good companion and father and a devout Christian. We mourn his departure, but we believe that he has "Entered into that rest prepared for the people of God."

TABLE ONE — CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Vill., Town, City, O	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP										Weekly Prayer Meet's	Reverals Held	Obs. Lord's Supper	Rec. State Bap. Paper	
					Gains					Losses									Total
					Members Report- ed Last Year	Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Prasures	Deaths						
1. Antioch	C	1849	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rk.	1	197	13	5	...	2	8	...	2	3	204	*	1	2	...	
2. Beaver Dam	C	1874	W. D. Ashley, Blowing R.	1	209	7	8	...	...	3	...	...	...	219	*	1	1	...	
3. Bethany	C	1888	F. C. Watts, Purlcar	2	112	3	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	112	*	1	1	...	
4. Bethel	C	1851	W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rk.	2	287	24	5	1	5	13	...	1	...	308	*	1	2	...	
5. Blowing Rock	C	1903	J. H. Crisp, Collettsville ..	1	3	177	8	1	...	2	...	...	...	182	*	1	1	...	
6. Boone	L-L	1871	J. C. Canipe, Boone	1	234	49	71	5	...	35	...	...	...	625	*	2	4	47	
7. Brookside	C	1932	J. J. Matney, Blowing Rk.	2	4	30	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	31	*	1	...	...	
8. Brushy Fork	C	1858	Grady Hamby, Blowing Rk.	4	131	23	3	...	...	2	...	...	1	153	*	1	2	...	
9. Clarks Creek	C	1898	Carl Triplett, Blowing Rk.	3	31	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	33	*	1	1	...	
10. Cool Springs	C	1888	T. T. Danner, Valle Crucis	4	118	4	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	118	*	1	2	...	
11. Cove Creek	V	1799	Phillip Fletcher, Sherwood	1	232	7	1	...	...	7	...	...	1	232	*	1	2	4	
12. Elk Knob	C	1890	J. R. Trivette, Mabel	2	68	13	3	1	...	5	...	...	...	80	*	1	...	...	
13. Forest Grove	C	1889	R. C. Eggers, Zionville ..	3	141	6	2	...	...	3	...	...	1	142	*	1	2	...	
14. Gap Creek	C	1880	Grady Hamby, Blowing R.	2	107	20	3	...	...	9	...	...	...	127	*	1	1	8	
15. Howards Creek	C	1882	D. M. Edmisten, Sugar Gr.	2	140	36	2	...	1	9	...	...	...	170	*	1	2	...	
16. Laurel Springs	C	1873	R. C. Eggers, Zionville ..	2	194	40	9	...	...	20	...	...	6	217	*	1	1	...	
17. Meat Camp	C	1851	Tipton Greene, Boone	2	175	29	4	...	2	...	...	...	2	202	*	1	2	...	
18. Middle Fork	C	1905	Grady Minton, Vilas	3	132	11	1	...	...	6	...	...	2	136	*	1	2	...	
19. Mount Calvary	V	1880	Phillip Fletcher, Sherwood	2	197	3	7	...	...	7	...	...	2	198	*	1	1	5	
20. Mount Gilead	C	1869	E. J. Farthing, Sugar Gr.	1	80	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	78	*	1	2	...	
21. Mount Lebanon	C	1891	W. C. Payne, Blowing R.	2	192	8	1	...	...	7	...	1	1	192	*	1	2	...	
22. Oak Grove	V	1816	Grady Hamby, Blowing R.	2	181	30	9	...	1	...	...	...	...	219	*	1	2	...	
23. Pleasant Grove	C	1891	D. M. Edmisten, Sugar Gr.	2	207	50	16	...	7	7	...	3	8	262	*	1	2	9	
24. Poplar Grove	C	1872	R. C. Eggers, Zionville ..	1	113	1	...	...	1	10	...	2	4	100	*	1	2	...	
25. Profit Grove	C	1919	Carl Triplett, Blowing Rk.	1	103	30	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	133	*	1	1	...	
26. Rich Mountain	C	1905	Raymond Hendrix, Boone ..	3	69	6	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	71	*	1	2	...	
27. Rutherford	C	1938	W. J. Cook, Boone	3	...	5	47	...	...	...	...	...	...	52	*	...	...	...	
28. Shulls Mills	C	1888	Vilas Minton, Vilas	4	88	36	6	4	1	2	...	...	...	132	*	1	...	...	
29. South Fork	C	1933	W. D. Ashley, Blowing Rk.	2	160	12	1	...	...	8	...	...	2	163	*	1	2	...	
30. Stony Fork	C	1841	Vilas Minton, Vilas	2	175	47	6	...	3	10	...	...	...	217	*	1	1	...	
31. Three Forks	C	1790	J. C. Canipe, Boone	2	124	18	6	1	...	26	...	...	2	121	*	1	2	...	
32. Timbered Ridge	C	1906	Tipton Greene, Boone	1	114	13	4	...	2	...	...	3	1	125	*	1	...	...	
33. Union	C	1893	W. D. Ashley, Blowing R.	3	245	16	8	...	...	5	...	4	2	258	*	1	2	...	
34. Willowdale	C	1911	Roby Painter, Balm	7	126	7	7	...	...	6	...	...	...	133	*	1	1	...	
35. Willow Valley	C	1935	Grady Hamby, Blowing R.	3	90	1	...	...	...	2	1	1	2	91	*	1	2	4	
36. Zion Hill	C	1886	W. C. Payne, Blowing Rk.	2	138	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	137	*	1	2	...	
37. Zionville	V	1836	Tipton Greene, Boone	2	559	191	6	...	...	3	...	...	...	690	*	1	...	...	

SUPERINTENDENTS AND
POST OFFICES

CHURCHES

CHURCHES	CRADLE ROLL UNDER 3	BEGINNERS 3-5 YEARS	PRIMARIES 6-8 YEARS	JUNIORS 9-12 YEARS	INTERMEDIATES 13-16	YOUNG PEOPLE 17-24	ADULTS 25 AND UP	EXTENSION DEPT.	DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS	MISSION SCHOOL	ENROLLMENT M. S. S.	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	BAPTISMS FROM S. S.	IS SCHOOL GRADED?	TEACHERS HOLDING DIPLOMAS	ENROLLMENT D. V. B. S.	AV. ATT. D. V. B. S.
1. Antioch	1	20	11	14	19	14	14	14	8			100	62	10	*			
2. Beaver Dam	8	23	17	23	42	35	40	40				180	125	2				
3. Bethany	8	10	10	11	11	15	30	40	8			103	60	1	*			
4. Bethel		25	30	16	35	40	40		11			197	125	16	*			
5. Blowing Rock		20	25	15	11	30	35		5			141	95	24	*	2	55	45
6. Boone	22	18	33	53	82	201	12	24	19			581	345	24	*	28		
7. Brookside	4	12		6		8	20					50	35					
8. Brushy Fork	6	10	8	11	12	16	24		10			107	80					
9. Clarks Creek	9	10		13		17	24					73	55	3				
10. Cool Springs	45	15	16	32	25	64	38	12				247	112	7	*			
11. Cove Creek	6	10	4	8	22	10	12		7			79	45	6				
12. Elk Knob	6	8	10	15	14	30	40		11			140	90		*			
13. Forest Grove	6	8	7	12	18	16	23					84	55	12	*			
14. Gap Creek		6	12	12		36	32		6			104	50	21	*			
15. Howards Creek	9	15	12	25	37	56	70	13				237	140	40	*			
16. Laurel Springs		10	12	25	34	27	25		8			141	85	26				
17. Meat Camp	9	9	25	15	14	18	23		9			119	64					
18. Middle Fork	12	13	8	16	8	18	33					90	75	3				
19. Mount Calvary	4		8			11	15		*			38	25					
20. Mount Gilead	5	10	10	11	12	11	20		2			81	65					
21. Mount Lebanon	18	15	20	18	62	42	42					175	128		*			
22. Oak Grove		14	16	17	28	36	39					150	123		*			
23. Pleasant Grove	20			27	28	24	20					149	65	1				
24. Poplar Grove	17	13	13	18	28	28	28					145	63	18				
25. Profit Grove	6	8	10	12	12	18	10		8			72	50	6	*			
26. Rich Mountain												120	110					
27. Rutherswood			18	12	34		25		6			95	75					
28. Shulls Mills												116	56					
29. South Fork	12	25	25	23	19	15	66					137	174					
30. Stony Fork	10	21	12	12	16	15	40		12			196	77					
31. Three Forks	10	10	12	31	36	19	30		3			151	73		*	11		
32. Timbered Ridge	8	13	13	30	45	50						146	100	16				
33. Union	4	8	6	20	15	18	22		2			95	78	7	*	4	30	26
34. Willowdale	6	10	9	10	9	17	25					88	57	5				
35. Willowdale	4	19		16	21	8	25		7			96	84					
36. Zion Hill	10	12	34	17	23	55			8			140	110					
37. Zionville	211	435	432	613	720	1037	1165	37	164			7850	3266	224			352	258

TABLE THREE — BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	B. T. U. With Director											Students in College
	B. A. U.'s	Sr. B. Y. P. U.'s	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions	Adults Enrolled	Seniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enr'led	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Story Hours	
1. Bethany	1	1	1	1	2	30	16	24	54	1	7	...
2. Blwing Rock	1	1	1	1	4	6	20	13	55	7	8	...
3. Boone	1	1	1	1	4	18	25	25	88	...	...	4
4. Brushy Fork	1	1	1	1	4	15	20	20	181	73	25	60
5. Cove Creek	1	1	1	1	4	...	22	16	28	76	10	33
6. Mt. Calvary	1	1	1	1	4	...	28	26	54	...	16	34
7. Oak Grove	1	1	1	1	3	...	18	15	15	48	11	...
8. Poplar Grove	1	1	1	1	3	...	18	16	55	59	22	...
TOTALS.....	39	176	134	148	567	28	125	86	169	4	...	...

TABLE FOUR — WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND POST OFFICES										Total Members Enr'd	Total Enr'd M. S. C.	Contributions to Local Work by W. M. U.	Contributions to Mis- sions by W. M. U.	Total Contributions by W. M. U.
	No. W. M. Societies	No. of Y. W. A.'s	No. of G. A.'s	No. of R. A.'s	No. of Sunbeams	Total W. M. U. Org's.	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A.'s Members	G. A.'s Members	R. A. Members	Sunbeam Members				
1. Blowing Rock	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	8	44	16	28	16	45.00	63.00	108.00
2. Boone	1	1	2	1	1	5	105	36	22	55	182	55	1955.53	337.51	2293.04
3. Cove Creek	1	1	1	1	1	6	36	22	34	74	22	145	5.60	137.52	143.12
4. Meat Camp	1	1	2	1	1	1	18	36	22	74	22	145	4.80	36.42	41.22
5. Mount Calvary	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	14	14	7	14	7	13.80	16.39	30.39
6. Poplar Grove	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	16	16	16	16	16	10.00	9.50	19.50
7. Shulls Mills	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	17	17	17	17	17	10.00	6.00	16.00
8. Willow Valley	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	12	12	12	12	12	101.41	17.60	119.01
							246	30	78	21	47	432	1692136.14	624.14	2760.28

TABLE FIVE — CHURCH PROPERTY

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Own House Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Dept. Assembly Rooms	No. Sep. Class Rooms	Value Church House and Grounds	Value Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
1. Antioch	L. W. Ward, Sugar Grove	Yes	1903	Wood	300	1	1	1	2500	2500	2500	.....	.....
2. Beaver Dam	C. B. Reese, Trade, Tenn.	Yes	1924	Wood	350	3	3	7	3800	3800	3800	.....	.....
3. Bethany	J. L. Triplett, Matney	Yes	1898	Wood	500	1	1	1	1000	1000	1000	.....	.....
4. Bethel	Eert Farthing, Sugar Grove	Yes	1924	Brick	250	7	1	6	5000	17000	17000	.....	.....
5. Blowing Rock	M. C. Johnson, Blowing Rock	Yes	1924	Wood	200	8	1	7	17000	7500	82500	11500	25000
6. Boone	G. F. Hegaman, Boone	Yes	29-37	Brick	850	47	6	41	75000	7500	82500	11500	25000
7. Brookside	Mrs. D. R. Ford, Blowing Rock	Yes	1938	Wood	400	1	1	1	2500	4000	4000	.....	1500
8. Brushy Fork	Lee Anderson, Vilas	Yes	1881	Wood	300	6	1	5	4000	600	600	.....	.....
9. Clarks Creek	Harston Coffey, Banner Elk	Yes	1899	Wood	200	1	1	1	600	600	600	.....	.....
10. Cool Springs	D. W. Mitchell, Blowing Rock	Yes	1910	Wood	400	1	1	1	1500	1500	1500	25	2200
11. Cove Creek	Mrs. Hattie Lewis, Sherwood	Yes	1922	Brick	400	10	1	9	10000	4000	14000	65	.....
12. Elk Knob	W. C. South, Tamarack	Yes	1890	Wood	200	1	1	1	500	500	500	.....	.....
13. Forest Grove	Alice Isaacs, Vilas	Yes	1907	Wood	450	1	1	1	1400	1400	1400	.....	.....
14. Gap Creek	H. E. Greene, Deep Gap	Yes	1907	Wood	300	5	1	4	1500	1500	1500	.....	.....
15. Howards Creek	Mrs. Gurney Norris, Boone	Yes	1900	Wood	400	3	1	2	1000	1000	1000	.....	.....
16. Laurel Springs	W. H. Wagner, Boone	Yes	1938	Brick	600	1	1	1	5133	5133	5133	.....	.....
17. Meat Camp	M. C. Brown, Boone	Yes	1927	Wood	400	5	1	4	5000	5000	5000	.....	.....
18. Middle Fork	W. T. Vandylke, Blowing Rock	Yes	1905	Wood	300	1	1	1	2000	2000	2000	90	.....
19. Mount Calvary	R. C. Greene, Balm	Yes	1932	Brick	400	6	1	5	10000	1500	10000	.....	.....
20. Mount Gilead	O. H. Trivett, Beech Creek	Yes	1891	Wood	200	1	1	1	1500	1500	1500	.....	.....
21. Mount Lebanon	Ronda Earp, Vilas	Yes	1891	Wood	300	1	1	1	900	900	900	.....	.....
22. Oak Grove	Mrs. J. W. Greene, Boone	Yes	1937	Brick	400	6	1	5	7000	7000	7000	2100	2000
23. Pleasant Grove	John Haganan, Zionville	Yes	1892	Wood	400	5	1	4	1825	1825	1825	.....	.....
24. Poplar Grove	T. C. Hodges, Boone	Yes	1914	Wood	225	1	1	1	4000	4000	4000	.....	.....
25. Profit Grove	C. M. Profit, Meat Camp	Yes	1919	Wood	300	1	1	1	1300	1300	1300	.....	.....
26. Rich Mountain	L. E. Beach, Zionville	Yes	1906	Wood	330	5	1	4	1000	1000	1000	.....	.....
27. Ruthewood	Mrs. B. D. Clawson, Boone	Yes	1939	Wood	250	1	1	1	2500	2500	2500	.....	.....
28. Shulls Mills	G. W. Robbins, Shulls Mills	Yes	1898	Wood	250	1	1	1	1000	1000	1000	.....	.....
29. South Fork	W. H. McGuire, Todd	Yes	1901	Wood	300	1	1	1	3000	3000	3000	.....	.....
30. Stony Fork	John Wellborn, Stony Fork	Yes	1898	Wood	600	1	1	1	1200	1200	1200	.....	.....
31. Three Forks	W. G. Todd, Boone	Yes	1922	Wood	300	5	1	4	3000	3000	3000	.....	.....
32. Timbered Ridge	Wade Greene, Reese	Yes	1893	Wood	200	1	1	1	800	800	800	.....	.....
33. Union	J. M. Burkett, Mabel	Yes	1923	Wood	500	1	1	1	1000	1000	1000	.....	.....
34. Willowdale	L. A. Bungarner, Vilas	Yes	1923	Wood	300	6	1	5	3000	3000	3000	.....	.....
35. Willow Valley	Geo. W. Harman, Sugar Grove	Yes	1886	Wood	200	1	1	1	1000	1000	1000	.....	.....
36. Zion Hill	Lewis Harman, Beech Creek	Yes	1886	Wood	400	4	1	3	1500	1500	1500	.....	.....
37. Zionville	R. L. Trivett, Zionville	Yes	1926	Wood	400	7	1	6	5000	5000	5000	.....	.....
										189655	118000	201455	.....

TABLE SIX — GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for Sunday School and B.Y.P.U.	Help Given For Local Poor	For Printing the Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	Grand Total for Local Purposes Given by Churches and Orgs.
1. Antioch	129.53		32.36			14.54	50.60	9.28	1.25	.....	207.53
2. Beaver Dam	120.33		29.05	25.00		85.00	50.59	5.00	1.75	11.64	308.36
3. Bethany	75.00		30.69			.....	15.00		1.00	.....	131.69
4. Bethel	158.92		71.98	93.69		43.58	56.91	7.37	3.00	.....	434.45
5. Blowing Rock	133.47		89.81			53.80	81.75		2.00	5.00	365.83
6. Boone	2078.75		100.00	180.75		1338.00	741.09		15.00	121.71	4996.67
7. Brookside	50.00		69.50	128.00		6.00			.60	.....	56.60
8. Clarks Fork	180.18			24.90		22.29	59.58	35.01	1.25	25.00	494.56
9. Clarks Creek	40.00		30.61			22.00	12.90		1.25	.....	126.05
10. Cool Springs	52.00		72.22	133.00		68.00	17.29		1.20	.....	141.10
11. Cove Creek	565.32		35.00		337.98	40.90	85.00	25.00	1.00	3.50	1290.87
12. Elk Knob	41.00		23.34	54.60		1.82	9.36	2.00	.....	.....	88.36
13. Forest Grove	125.33		8.50	221.80		61.20	20.11		2.59	.....	210.85
14. Gap Creek	123.34		57.72			16.21	19.80	12.35	2.85	12.98	437.23
15. Howards Creek	175.46		23.00	130.00		25.00	49.00	138.20	2.00	.....	305.76
16. Laurel Springs	116.54		92.47			54.47	32.59	16.97	3.00	25.93	475.34
17. Meat Camp	129.59	23.82	41.55	1.90		52.73	24.89		2.25	.....	418.04
18. Middle Fork	118.12		50.00	234.29	75.00	72.04	48.67		2.00	.....	241.24
19. Mount Calvary	206.03		7.60			4.56	10.50		.....	.....	688.03
20. Mount Gilead	67.49		13.67				26.49	40.90	1.25	.97	90.15
21. Mount Lebanon	59.45		35.75	90.75		79.20	53.02		2.00	7.00	142.73
22. Oak Grove	134.50		65.00	62.65		44.67	58.03	25.00	.....	.....	995.17
23. Pleasant Grove	273.50		21.50	250.00		74.48	50.38	14.00	2.50	.....	538.85
24. Poplar Grove	102.94		10.00			33.37	29.80	3.15	1.77	12.58	515.90
25. Profit Grove	92.00		26.00			.....	10.00		1.50	.....	182.67
26. Rich Mountain	56.27			2000.00		.....	1.20		.....	4.13	94.00
27. Ruthwood	65.68		37.52			18.80	35.00	13.90	3.02	28.96	2081.91
28. Shulls Mills	112.73		71.17			45.00			.....	.....	249.93
29. Shulls Fork	171.17		44.00			27.00	55.00	12.00	3.00	.....	307.67
30. Stony Fork	255.00		63.56	427.00		38.92	36.76	30.58	3.00	.....	405.56
31. Three Forks	133.70		43.30	15.95		.....	56.76		1.00	1.11	733.56
32. Timbered Ridge	47.20		33.40			.....			.....	350.00	924.49
33. Union	153.49		40.00	21.60		.....	24.40	325.00	.....	.....	924.49
34. Willowdale	160.00		45.00			50.00	24.00		2.00	.....	281.00
35. Willow Valley	251.80		59.50	34.25		28.20	31.79	6.75	1.82	16.46	439.57
36. Zion Hill	118.99		22.80	38.80		.....	14.12	40.62	1.00	.....	239.23
37. Zionville	102.00		60.88		480.08	19.60	28.02		2.60	23.38	285.86
TOTALS	6986.82	23.82	1487.28	4169.93	2390.01	1907.37	1539.21	810.58	69.20	642.35	20013.30

TABLE SEVEN — MISSIONS, EDUCATION AND ALL BENEVOLENCES

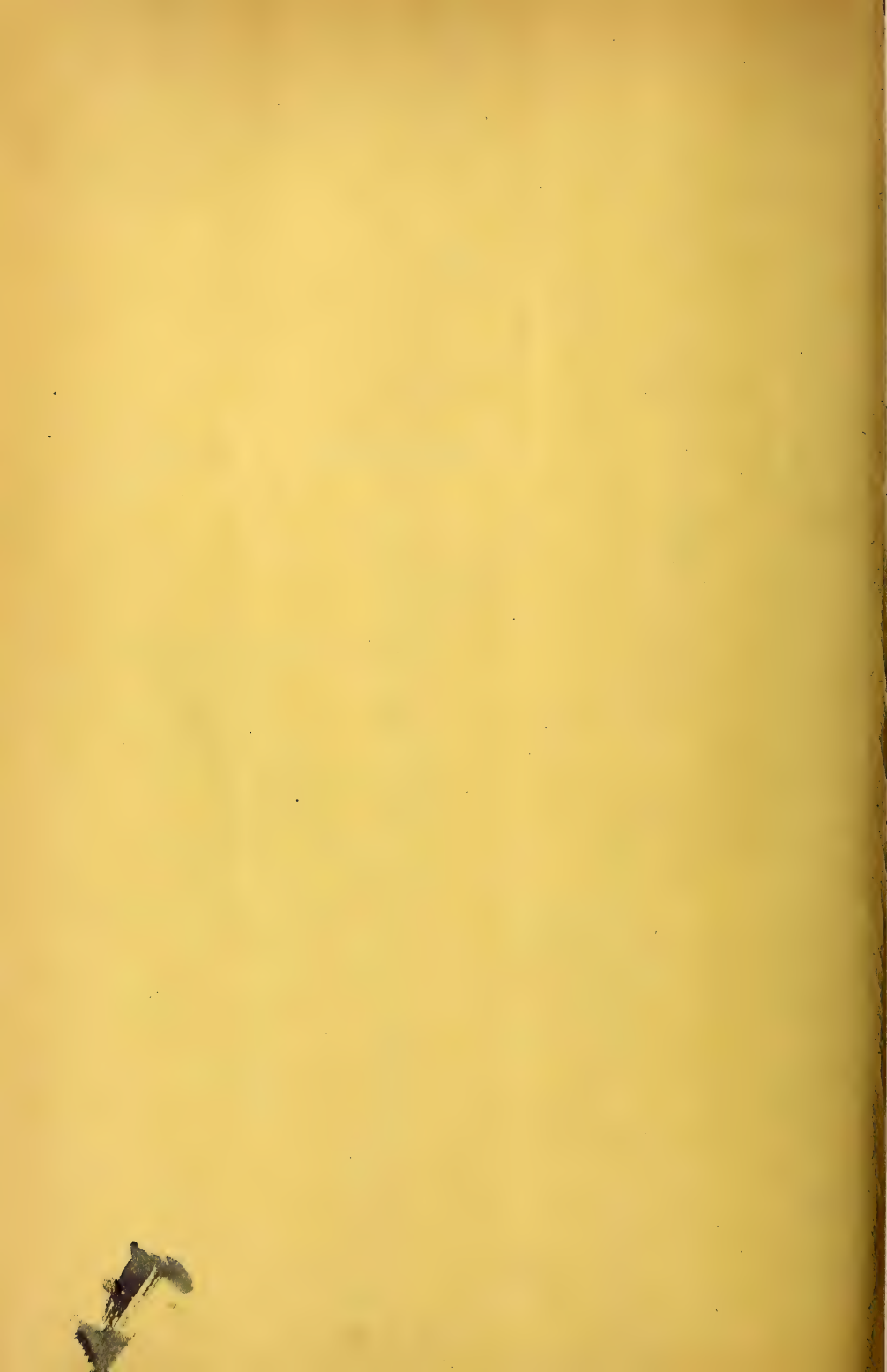
CHURCHES	Total To Co-operative Program	Special to Associa- tional Missions	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Schools and Colleges	Special to Theological Seminaries	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	Other Special Gifts	Total Given Missions and Benevolences	Grand Total for All Purposes Given By Church
1. Antioch	1.30							57.95	8.65	4.19	1.00	72.49	280.05
2. Beaver Dam			2.10		9.60	1.00		12.00	9.77	1.20		35.67	343.03
3. Bethany	15.00							29.13	3.00	2.30		49.43	171.12
4. Bethel	43.95							49.52	11.35		11.17	119.16	553.61
5. Blowing Rock	4.50		3.14					20.24	8.5			40.25	5757.20
6. Boone	100.00			99.23			88.50	111.40	50.41	6.66	4.30	760.53	
7. Brookside										2.00		2.00	58.60
8. Brushy Fork	13.86		3.42		35.95	12.61	5.05	81.24	30.00		9.33	221.47	716.03
9. Clark's Creek	5.00											5.00	131.05
10. Cool Springs			4.01		63.77			40.98	3.44		23.45	67.87	208.97
11. Cove Creek	69.06							57.95	27.24	3.33		225.36	1516.23
12. Elk Knob													88.36
13. Forest Grove		10.90						14.23	6.06			31.13	241.98
14. Gap Creek		5.20	5.93	7.07	5.78			9.68	1.00			34.66	471.89
15. Howards Creek	25.00			4.55				69.10	25.50		2.50	126.65	432.41
16. Laurel Springs	9.85							58.82	13.62			81.69	557.43
17. Meat Camp			44	6.20	1.40			94.47	20.85	3.92		127.28	545.32
18. Middle Fork		6.20	3.00	26.00				33.06	4.50			72.76	314.20
19. Mount Calvary				4.05				45.41	7.11			55.63	774.66
20. Mount Gilead													90.15
21. Mount Lebanon								34.90	22.26		2.25	59.41	202.14
22. Oak Grove	10.00							18.00	15.00			43.00	1035.17
23. Pleasant Grove	76.70	3.38						132.70	7.61		4.00	224.42	753.27
24. Poplar Grove			4.25					28.22	5.52			38.00	533.90
25. Profit Grove	3.43								6.83			10.26	192.93
26. Rich Mountain								3.65	6.00			9.65	103.65
27. Ruthewood									6.10			6.10	2088.01
28. Shulls Mills	6.00							91.80	14.18			111.98	361.91
29. South Fork									9.20		1.50	10.70	338.37
30. Stony Fork			25.00		2.50			162.55	10.50			290.55	606.11
31. Three Forks	11.85		22.20	5.51				86.90	33.00			159.46	892.72
32. Timbered Ridge								46.82	9.93			56.75	155.41
33. Union	7.37							25.00				32.37	956.86
34. Willowdale	20.00							63.00				83.00	364.00
35. Willow Valley	50.00							28.50	7.18			85.68	516.25
36. Zion Hill			4.62					27.74	10.03			42.39	301.62
37. Zionville				3.50				51.67	25.00	2.45		82.63	368.48
	772.87	19.48	56.31	154.61	145.50	43.63	93.55	1586.63	422.02	26.00	59.50	3382.55	23426.34

THE PEOPLE CALLED BAPTISTS IN NORTH CAROLINA

We have 72 Baptist Associations (including 2 Indian) in North Carolina, composed of 2,491 churches with a membership of 489,272. We have 1,232 active pastors; 2,472 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 412,111; 3,084 Woman's Missionary Societies with a membership of 58,102; 1,215 Baptist Training Unions with 59,436 members.

Last year 1,972 of our churches reported baptisms leaving 519 churches which reported none.

Our churches contributing to denominational objects numbered 2,218, leaving only 279 not contributing to any object in the denominational program. The per capita contribution to denominational objects is \$1.38 while that to local objects is \$5.71, making total per capita gifts of North Carolina Baptists of \$7.11. Putting it another way our total denominational gifts amounted to \$675,601.46, our total local gifts to \$2,802,742.42, making grand total of \$3,478,443.88 gifts to all causes, both local and denominational .



*From
Clyde R. Gilem
Boone, N.C.*

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THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF BUSINESS 1941 SESSION

Theme: "The Uplifted Christ"

Tuesday, Aug. 25, 1941

- 9:00- 9:25—Devotional and Roll Call
9:25- 9:45—Address of Moderator
9:45-10:15—Religious Literature
10:15-11:00—Temperance
11:00-12:00—Annual Sermon

Noon Recess

- 1:00- 1:15—Devotional
1:15- 2:30—Missions
2:30- 3:00—Christian Training
3:00- 3:30—Sunday Schools
3:30- 3:40—Closing Worship

Wednesday, Aug. 26, 1941

- 9:00- 9:15—Devotional
9:15- 9:35—Obituaries
9:35-10:00—Report of Associational Missionary
10:00-10:45—Woman's Work
10:45-11:15—Report of Executive Committee
11:15-11:45—Associational Progress
11:45-12:00—Election of Officers

Noon Recess

- 1:00- 1:15—Devotional
1:15- 2:15—Benevolences
2:15- 2:45—Reports: Treasurer, Finance, Nominations, Resolutions, Time, Place and Preacher.
2:45- 3:15—Miscellaneous and Reading of Minutes
3:15- 4:45—Inspirational Message ----- J. C. Canipe

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DIRECTORY

Officers of the Association

S. C. Eggers, Moderator ----- Boone
Wade E. Brown, Vice-Moderator ----- Boone

THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Clyde R. Greene, Clerk-Treasurer	Boone
A. J. Greene, Historian	Vilas
Gordon Hodges, Song Leader	Vilas

Executive Committee

Wade E. Brown, Chairman	Boone
Grady Minton	Vilas
W. D. Farthing	Boone
Lee Swift	Trade, Tenn.
Mrs. D. P. Coffey	Blowing Rock
S. C. Eggers	Boone
Clyde R. Greene	Boone

Promotion Committee

N. M. Greene, Chairman	Boone
Doughton Greene, Lee Swift, C. J. Farthing, Grady Minton, S. F. Horton, Dare Greene, H. E. Greene, W. C. Greene, Howard Foster, Ronda Earp, Cleve Gross, I. B. Wilson, Z. T. Greene, Jim McNeil, C. M. Shore, Mrs. Lena Shull, Maude Dishman, John Oliver, A. J. Greene, Mrs. D. M. Edmisten, Henry Hagaman, N. T. Byers,	

Nominations

Missions	H. W. Wilcox, Verne Greene
Religious Literature	H. R. Eggers, A. R. Smith
Associational Progress	D. M. Edmisten, I. B. Wilson
Benevolences	Dallas Wilson, Bert Farthing
Temperance	J. C. Canipe, Vilas Minton
Christian Training	J. T. C. Wright, A. E. Moretz
Woman's Work	Mrs. J. L. Qualls, Mrs. H. R. Eggers
Resolutions	Grady Hamby, Grady Minton
Obituaries	A. J. Greene, I. A. Bumgarner
Sunday School Director	Ralph Beshears
Baptist Training Union Director	H. W. Wilcox
Orphanage Director	Russell D. Hodges
Hospital Director	D. M. Edmisten
Nominations	Moderator to Appoint
Order of Business	Executive Committee
Time, Place & Preacher	Moderator to Appoint
Finance	Moderator to Appoint

Associational Missionary

N. M. Greene ----- Boone, N. C.

Baptist Training Union Organization

Director ----- H. W. Wilcox, Boone
Assistant Director ----- Albert Bingham, Boone
Secretary-Treasurer ----- Susie Bell Moody, Vilas
Adult Leader ----- Ralph Beshears, Boone
Senior Leader ----- J. O. Cook, Boone
Intermediate Leader ----- Mrs. Hale Vance, Boone
Junior Leader ----- Mrs. Odes Wilson, Zionville
Story Hour Leader ----- Mrs. H. K. Middleton, Sherwood
Group Leaders ---- Miss Ona Farthing, Mrs. Maxie Edmisten,
Dayton Greene and Burl Isaacs.

W. M. U. Organization

Superintendent ----- Mrs. D. P. Coffey, Blowing Rock
Assistant Superintendent ----- Mrs. Clara Brown
Secretary-Treasurer ----- Mrs. Don C. Perry, Sherwood
Mission Study Chairman ----- Mrs. J. C. Canipe, Boone
Personal Service Chairman ---- Mrs. S. F. Horton, Sugar Grove
Stewardship Chairman ----- Mrs. J. L. Qualls, Boone
Librarian ----- Mrs. Floy Mast, Boone
Young People's Leader ----- Mrs. Herman Wilcox, Boone
Asst. Young People's Leader --- Mrs. Nora M. Wilson, Zionville

Sunday School Organization

Director ----- Ralph Beshears, Boone
Assistant Director ----- H. K. Middleton, Sherwood
Secretary-Treas. ----- Mrs. Gladys Bingham, Boone
Adult Leader ----- Roy Dotson, Boone
Young Peoples Leader ----- Margaret Adams
Intermediate Leader ----- Ella Austin, 'Shulls Mills
Primary Leader ----- Mrs. J. C. Canipe, Boone

Ordained Ministers

ANTIOCH—W. H. Glenn, Sugar Grove; G. W. Trivett, Vilas

BETHANY—J. T. McGuire, Altapass

BETHEL—L. C. Wilson, Sugar Grove; E. J. Farthing, Sugar
Grove

THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

- BOONE—Roy Dotson, Tipton Greene, B. R. Page and J. C. Canipe, Boone
BRUSHY FORK—Grady Minton, Vilas.
COOL SPRINGS—W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock
COVE CREEK—H. K. Middleton, Sherwood
LAUREL SPRINGS—J. L. Greene, Deep Gap; W. C. Greene, Laxon
MEAT CAMP—A. E. Moretz, Boone; N. M. Greene, Boone
MIDDLE FORK—R. H. Shore, J. J. Matney and Harley Coffey, Bowing Rock
MOUNT CALVARY—R. L. Painter, Balm
MOUNT LEBANON—T. T. Danner, Valle Crucis; Vilas Minton and J. R. Shore, Vilas
POPLAR GROVE—Clayton Greene, Shulls Mills
RUTHERWOOD—A. B. Church, Boone
SHULLS MILLS—James Hodges, Blowing Rock
STONY FORK—H. H. Smith, T. S. Robbins, Deep Gap
UNION—J. R. Trivett, Boone
WILLOWDALE—A. J. Greene, Vilas
WILLOW VALLEY—D. M. Edmisten, Sugar Grove
ZIONVILLE—R. C. Eggers and D. C. Trivett, Zionville.

LICENTIATES

- MIDDLE FORK—E. E. Colvard, Blowing Rock
RUTHERWOOD—D. C. Michael, Boone
COVE CREEK—Paul Tugman, Sherwood
BETHANY—E. Y. Edmisten, Matney

Roll Of Messengers

- ANTIOCH—Geo. Edmisten, Doughton Greene, M. L. Shepherd.
BEAVER DAM—Geo. Wilson, Dean Reese, Lee Swift.
BETHANY—A. T. Watson, M. P. Ward, Carl Greene.
BETHEL—D. F. Greene, Bert Farthing, W. W. Wilson.
BLOWING ROCK—Mrs. Fred Hartley, Mrs. Howard Coffey, Mrs. D. P. Coffey.
BOONE—Clyde R. Greene, Wade E. Brown, G. P. Hagaman.
BROOKSIDE—Orville Greer, Euirl Gragg, M. M. Coffey.

THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

- BRUSHY FORK—Clay Greene, D. S. Love, S. E. Anderson.
- CLARKS CREEK—W. C. Smith, Cecil Coffey, Mrs. Margie Welch.
- COOL SPINGS—L. C. Rogers, E. E. Carlton, W. W. Austin.
- COVE CREEK—Mrs. D. F. Horton, Mrs. Odes Wilson, Mrs. S. F. Horton.
- ELK KNOB—W. C. South, Floyd Miller, Frank Main.
- FOREST GROVE—Spencer Warren, Fred Hagaman, Dave Greene.
- GAP CREEK—A. G. Miller, L. H. Church, N. A. Watson.
- HOWARDS CREEK—Ernest Brown, H. H. Brown, Fields Baker.
- LAUREL SPRINGS—Joe Coffey, J. H. Greene, D. B. Wagner.
- MEAT CAMP—Ed Brown, Verne Greene, Rufus Jones.
- MIDDLE FORK—H. J. Shore, W. T. Vandyke, H. G. Cook.
- MOUNT CALVARY—R. L. Painter, J. C. Greer.
- MOUNT GILEAD—Ruben Stanbery, Harry Farthing, G. M. Lawrence.
- MOUNT LEBANON—I. W. Minton, S. B. Hayes, B. A. Hodges.
- OAK GROVE—G. W. Rowe, Lee Gross, Joe C. Hodges.
- PLEASANT GROVE—I. B. Wilson, Roscoe Perry, L. S. Pennell.
- POPLAR GROVE—M. W. Day, T. C. Hodges, B. A. Cook.
- PROFFIT GROVE—Frank Winebarger, W. A. Proffitt, J. A. Winebarger.
- RICH MOUNTAIN—Frank Culler, R. L. Ragan, Jim McNeil.
- RUTHERWOOD—Green Carroll, Willet Moretz, Walter Carroll.
- SHULLS MILLS—Spencer Day, Cap Honeycutt, Mont Teague.
- SOUTH FORK—George Miller, Glenn Howell, Leslie Norris.
- STONY FORK—P. E. Hamby, John Wellborn, Vaughn Smith.
- THREE FORKS—M. C. Holler, Greenville Smith, Walter Edmisten.
- TIMBERED RIDGE—T. C. Tester, E. B. Hagaman, Joe Farthing.
- UNION—J. F. Oliver, R. H. Townsend, L. C. Oliver.
- WILLOWDALE—Albert Hicks, Shelton Dugger, Rex Bumgarner.
- WILLOW VALLEY—Spencer Cable, Belva Cable, Geo. Harman.
- ZION HILL—Wesley Presnell, Jammie Stansbury, Alvin Cannon.
- ZIONVILLE—N. T. Byers, A. J. May, A. C. Reece.

THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who, on producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, the ministers being members ex-officio.
2. In the letters from the different churches is to be expressed their numbers in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since last Association.
3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any special power over the churches. They shall not infringe any internal right of any church in the Union.
4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen annually by the suffrage of the members present.
5. New churches, or any regular Baptist church of Christ being legally dismissed by letter by any sister Association, upon application and delegates, shall be admitted to our Union.
6. Every church in the Association shall be entitled to representation in the Association.
7. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be once read, and before it is debated the Moderator shall put it to a vote, and if there is a majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be debated, but if there shall be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.
8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.
9. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of their proceedings. The best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the direction of the future Associations.
10. We think it is absolutely necessary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same. For the raising and supporting of which we think it to be the duty of each church in the Union to contribute annually such sums as they shall think proper and send it by their delegates to the Association. The money thus raised shall be deposited in the hands of the treasurer, appointed by the Association, who shall be accountable for the same. He shall pay the money out from time to time as the Association may direct.
11. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation yearly for his services.

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12. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected (if needs be) and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

13. Amendments to the plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association when they deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months prior notice.

14. The Association shall have power:

To provide for the general union of the churches.

To endeavor to preserve a chain of union amongst the churches.

To give the churches the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

To appropriate the money contributed by the churches for an Associational fund to any purpose they may think proper.

To have power to withdraw from any church in their Union who shall violate the rules of this Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion.

To correspond with sister Associations.

To invite any Baptist in the ministry to a seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of their sitting.

To adjourn the Association to any future time and place they may think proper and most convenient to the churches in the Union.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, till he is done speaking.

3. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect upon the person who spoke before him as to make remarks on his steps, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as he can so as to give his views or ideas.

4. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

5. No person shall rise and speak more than three times to any one subject without liberty from the Association.

6. No member shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same or whispering in the time of public speaking.

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7. No member shall address another in any other appellation than that of brother.
8. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this decorum.
9. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as required by the Association.
10. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other members, provided the chair be filled. He shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

PROCEEDINGS

of the

THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With

THREE FORKS BAPTIST CHURCH

Boone, North Carolina

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FIRST DAY

Tuesday, August 27th, 1940

Morning Session

1. The Three Forks Baptist Association of North Carolina met in its One-Hundredth Annual Session with Three Forks Baptist Church, Boone, N. C., August 27, 1940 at 9:15 A. M.

2. N. T. Byers led the congregation in singing, "Amazing Grace" and N. M. Greene led in prayer. J. C. Canipe read the first Psalm and the Moderator, R. C. Eggers, called the One-Hundredth Session to order for the transaction of business.

Clyde R. Greene read the report of the Committee on Order of Business which was adopted upon motion of N. M. Greene, seconded by N. T. Byers.

4. The Moderator announced the following committees:

NOMINATIONS—S. C. Eggers, Joe Coffey and A. G. Miller.

FINANCE—N. T. Byers, Lee Swift and W. T. Vandyke.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER—I. B. Wilson, Dave Love and Fred Hagaman.

5. The Clerk called the roll of churches and found that all were represented by delegates or letters.

6. The Moderator requested visitors to announce themselves and the following responded: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gragg, Milton Gragg, G. F. Critcher and Minnie Day, Stony Fork Association; David Morgan, representing the Biblical Recorder; M. A. Adams, representing the United Dry Forces; R. D. Covington, represent-

ing the N. C. Baptist Orphanage; M. O. Alexander, representing State Mission Board; Smith Hagaman, representing Baptist Hospital and Henry Crisp, Caldwell Association.

7. The Moderator then delivered his Annual Address using "Prayer" as his subject. His interesting and timely message was built around the following thoughts: 1. Daily prayer for our Nation. 2. Daily devotions in our homes. 3. Daily prayer for the Church. He closed his address with a special prayer for the sufferers in the recent flood.

8. R. B. Page read the report on Religious Literature and after moving the adoption of the report he led in the discussion. He then introduced David Morgan who spoke on the Biblical Recorder, Report adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

There are three main ways in which we Baptists use the printed page in carrying on our denominational work. The first is our literature used by the Sunday School, Baptist Training Union and the Woman's Missionary Union and their allied organizations. These are for training in our denominational work and for instruction in the teaching of the Bible. Our Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., is rapidly coming to be our greatest agency in the teaching of the Bible. The second type of our religious literature is the denominational papers and magazines. These are mainly for our information and inspiration and hold tremendously important places in our denominational life. In North Carolina we have the Biblical Recorder representing all phases of our work and the Charity and Children representing our orphanage. We also have our mission magazines, which keep us informed as to our work over the entire world. The third and most important type of religious literature is the Bible. The Bible is distinctly Baptist, not in name but in its principles and teachings. Baptists have, as no other people, stood for the literal interpretation of the Scriptures; to them therefore, has been committed a biblical heritage that has come to no other people. It is not difficult to see, therefore, that if we are to be of the largest service to our Lord, we must cooperate with our great denominational agencies for the spread of His kingdom all over the world.

Respectfully submitted,
B. R. PAGE.

9. H. W. Wilcox read the report on Temperance and Public Morals. After motion to adopt it was discussed by H. W. Wilcox, Mrs. T. C. Hodges, M. A. Adams and J. C. Canipe and was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS

We find upon careful investigation that a very large majority of the citizens of the state are opposed to the liquor traffic, and that if the people had the right to vote in a state-wide referendum they would close all the liquor stores in the state. The United Dry Forces have defeated liquor stores in all elections held in the last three years. The last election won by the wets was July 20, 1937. Recently the dry forces called an election to vote on the closing of liquor stores in Johnston County, and on June 29, 1940 Johnston County voted almost two to one to close the liquor stores.

Efforts against liquor and beer are producing results. It is apparent that the liquor forces will not call any more county elections. The dry forces in several of the twenty-seven counties that have established liquor stores desire to call elections in order to take their counties out of this shameful business. There are in North Carolina one million professing Christians. If these Christians would abstain from the use of strong drink and would cooperate and vote with the five thousand ministers in North Carolina who are working against liquor and liquor men, then we could do away with this tool of Satan. What if Jesus had side-stepped Calvary? His cause would have failed. Will our ministers and christians side-step the liquor and beer evil, or will they resolve by the help of our Maker to win a great victory for humanity and the kingdom.

Listen to Governor Hoey who says, "I am not a fanatic on the liquor question, but I continue to regard liquor as public enemy number one." Let's stand united and act and the victory will be ours.

We want the Three Forks Association to go on record against all slot machines and other gambling devices. We desire to recognize the splendid work done and the stand taken by J. C. Canipe and his fellow ministers against these devices; and we wish to congratulate them on their success. If a like stand were taken by the entire association we would do away with all these tools of the devil. There are organized efforts to legalize lotteries and other forms of gambling, the promoters using the same arguments with which they destroyed national prohibition; saying if the people are going to drink anyway, legalize the business and collect the revenue from it.

"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink . . . woe unto him that buildeth a town with blood and establisheth a city by ini-

quity."—Habakkuk 2:12-15.

Respectfully submitted,
H. W. WILCOX
MRS. CLING HODGES

10. J. C. Canipe offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that the Three Forks Association in its 100th session at the Three Forks Church, August 27, 1940, go on record for the following: 1. That we call upon the members of the next legislature to give us a referendum on the question of liquor and beer in the State of North Carolina. 2 That we call on our officers of the law in Watauga County to enforce the law against slot machines and all gambling devices. And that we pledge them our support in such enforcement. 3. That we as individuals and as churches will do our part against the above named evils. 4. That we will make an honest effort to carry the gospel of Christ to those who are engaged in this nefarious business.

11. An offering was taken for the United Dry Forces which amounted to \$13.25 and was given to M. A. Adams.

12. Grady Hamby, appointee to preach the Annual Sermon, read nine verses of the 25th chapter of Exodus and Vilas Minton led prayer. After singing "Amazing Grace" Brother Hamby led prayer. He then announced his text Acts 3:6 and his subject, "Priceless Gifts from Penniless Men". He emphasized the following points: 1. God requires more than our money. 2. People look to the church for something. 3. We are only responsible for what we have. 4. We should offer Jesus to the world. 5. We are too self-satisfied today. 6. We should give what we have. 7. God will take his rightful share. 8. Give not only money, but ourselves. 9. We need personal experience with God. 10. Whatever we give is small compared to God's gift of His Son for us. Brother Hamby closed his message with prayer.

12. The Association adjourned for the noon recess; benediction by Vilas Minton.

Tuesday Afternoon Session

13. The Association reconvened at 1:00. The devotional service was conducted by W. D. Ashley who asked Walter Greene to lead prayer after which he read a scriptural lesson and commented thereon.

14. The Moderator extended the hand of welcome to H. K. Middleton, pastor of Cove Creek Church.

15. Mrs. Don C. Perry presented the report on Missions. After motion to adopt by J. C. Canipe, the report was discussed by M. O. Alexander and adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

"Missions is our mission", said one noted minister. This is the supreme task of Missionary Baptists. We are to carry the whole gospel to all the lost people in the world. Just as long as there is a single human being in all this world who has never heard the sweet story of Jesus all christians must work and pray and give.

We have divided our mission program into three definite parts—State, Home and Foreign. In this world-wide program Southern Baptists are trying to carry out the Great Commandment in which we are commanded to preach, teach and heal. Every christian should feel it an obligation and a privilege to have a part in this program. To take the gospel to all the world is the biggest job that ever confronted man. Men and women of past centuries accepted it as their major task and so we are christians today. But, if we fail, what of the future generations?

Our missionary program, beginning in our own state, seeks to take the gospel to every section of the state where it is not preached; helps to strengthen weak churches and provided christian education and training of our membership for more effective work. Going beyond our state we find Home Missions which includes work among the Negroes, Jews, Indians, the deaf, immigrants and in Cuba. "And then to the uttermost parts of the world", we find Foreign Missions. In 12 pagan and Catholic countries of the world, our missionaries are laboring together with God.

The thing that most vitally concerns us at this time is our attitude toward the churches' commission. Let each of us question ourselves and our work during the past year. How much have we been interested in what Jesus said in the Great Commission, How much have we prayed about it, are we really interested anyway, is Three Forks Association really missionary, are we gaining or losing

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ground, what does God think of us?

Respectfully submitted,
PAUL TUGMAN
MRS. DON C. PERRY

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16. J. C. Canipe, chairman of the Committee on Benevolences, was not ready to report. By motion the subject was discussed by J. C. Canipe, Smith Hagaman and R. D. Covington. The report was submitted later.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCES

Under the heading of Benevolences we carry the work of the Orphanages, the Hospital and Old Ministers Relief. Our two orphan homes, Mills Home and Kennedy Home, have not only been our care but our blessing. May we continue to care for them by monthly offerings in Sunday School and with a great Thanksgiving offering each year.

Our Hospital at Winston-Salem is enlarging in keeping with the new demands of the sick over the state and the great new medical college being built in connection with it. May we continue our Mother's Day offering in ever increasing amounts.

Our Old Ministers' Relief Department will continue to help the old retired servants of God who have no other provision for them. But our new ministers retirement plan will be a blessing to all our churches and preachers. We recommend that all our churches and preachers get into this plan as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. CANIPE
RAYMOND HENDRIX

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17. The first day's session adjourned, benediction by J. C. Canipe.

SECOND DAY

Wednesday Morning

18. The Moderator called the Association to order at 9:00 A. M. After singing "Majestic Sweetness" Clayton Greene conducted the devotional service.

19. S. C. Eggers offered the report on Sunday Schools. On motion to adopt by Vilas Minton, S. C. Eggers and M. O. Alex-

ander discussed the report and it was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

All 37 churches of the Three Forks Association have organized Sunday Schools. We use the Sunday School as the teaching agency of the Church. We have fully realized long ago that the teaching and training of our young people is necessary to the life of the churches.

We have gone a long ways since we started. Our Sunday School is about as old as the churches, but the system has changed somewhat. The first text book of the Sunday School was not the Bible. In some places it was the Blueback Speller. Now most of our Sunday Schools are organized and use the Bible as the text book.

We should like to recommend that more attention be given to the teaching of the Bible to our young people. The Bible is not being taught as it should be, our people are learning other things and are not using the biblical standard of living because they do not know what it is.

Indifference on the part of adults toward Sunday School work is alarming. We should like to suggest that we have a Sunday School revival and try to enlist more adults in the work. We are proud of our organizations in every church, but to maintain this work, we must enlist others as well as hold what we have. We have more than 300 fine teachers, but teachers can't teach those who do not come.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. EGGERS, Sunday School Director

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20. N. M. Greene read his report as Associational Missionary. On motion to adopt by Vilas Minton, it was discussed by N. M. Greene and adopted.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

I have visited and worked in 29 churches of this and Avery Association during the past year. The work has taken me into more than 1200 homes. I have worked in revivals in the following churches and have received for this service the following amounts: Pleasant Grove \$74.00, Willow Valley \$11.50, Laurel Springs \$25.36, Zion Hill \$32.68, Mt. Lebanon \$20.00, Timbered Ridge \$21.68, Elk Park \$24.00, Yellow Mountain \$43.69, Montezuma \$18.11, and Willowdale \$34.00—total \$285.02. I have helped baptize 92 converts.

For my work as Missionary for the Association I have received the following support: Timbered Ridge \$3.70, Bethel \$17.20, Shulls

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Mills \$1.25, Pleasant Grove \$2.00, Meat Camp \$15.50, Gap Creek \$3.00, Beaver Dam \$2.25, Three Forks \$2.75, Willowdale \$2.35, Zion Hill \$4.30, Marion Thomas \$3.00, J. C. Canipe \$1.00, Mrs. Hattie Hodges 50c, W. J. Cook \$1.50, and Vilas Minton \$1.00—total \$61.30. I visited ten churches during the year that gave me no support.

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. GREENE, Associational Missionary

21. The report on Woman's Work was presented by Mrs. J. C. Canipe. After motion to adopt, the report was discussed by J. C. Canipe, Smith Hagaman and Mrs. D. F. Horton and was adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

The Woman's Missionary Union throughout the Southland has been the handmaiden of the Lord in carrying out the Kingdom commands and work in the world. The history of the Missionary Union is a romantic chapter in the development of Southern Baptists. Having proven our worth and having had the blessings of God upon our efforts, we cannot and we will not turn back. Our watchword for the current year is, "Laborers together with God". "Be ye steadfast unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord". We have believed missions, we have studied missions, and we have tried to practice missions.

We would like to persuade the pastors, and the women of the Three Forks Association to organize a Missionary Society in every church. It would prove the greatest blessing to the pastors themselves, to the churches and to the Kingdom of God in our churches, and to the uttermost parts of the earth of any one single thing that could possibly be done. Paul said, "Help those women who labored with me in the gospel". Dr. Maddry said recently, "Without the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of our women we would not have a missionary now actively engaged on the foreign fields." Women of the Three Forks Association on this One Hundredth Anniversary, let us arise and go to work. Men and pastors, will you not give us your help and prayers, for we are laborers together with God.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. C. CANIPE

22. Wade E. Brown, Chairman of the Executive Committee, reported for said committee. After discussion by Wade E. Brown, M. A. Adams, J. C. Canipe, M. O. Alexander, Clyde R.

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Greene and Vilas Minton the report was adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met three times during the year, Dec. 10, 1939, May 19, 1940, and Aug. 18, 1940.

We submit the following items to the Association for its consideration:

1. We recommend that the Association elect a Song Leader at the same time other officers are elected.

We recommend that the Association consider the suggestion that we hold a Spring Session of the Association during April or May of each year, at which time the churches would send delegates and plans would be made for the work of the Association.

3. We urgently request each church in our Association to contribute more liberally to the Cooperative Program and to that end we urge each church to adopt a goal and earnestly strive to reach same.

4. We recommend that each of our churches take the Once-a-month collection for the Orphanage. This should be done whether the collection is much or little and the collection should be sent immediately to the Orphanage, and that every church take a Mothers' Day offering for our Baptist Hospital and such other support as is proper throughout the year.

Respectively submitted,

WADE E. BROWN, Chairman

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23. D. M. Edmisten moved that we have a Spring Session next year, motion carried. Plans for this special meeting to be in charge of Executive Committee.

24. Verne Greene brought the report on Associational Progress. After motion to adopt by Wade E. Brown it was discussed by Lee Swift, Mrs. D. P. Coffey, J. C. Canipe, W. D. Ashley, Carl Triplett, Mrs. D.F.Horton, Fred Hagaman, A. G. Miller, D M. Edmisten, Mrs. W. C. Greene, N. M. Greene, W. T. Vandye, G. W. Rowe, I. B. Wilson, Z. T. Greene, L. E. Wilson, W. J. Cook, Vilas Minton, Leslie Norris, Marion Thomas, A. J. Greene, Tom Stanbery and adopted.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL PROGRESS

	1938-39	1939-40	Gain	Loss
Membership	6129	6130	1	
Baptisms	595	186		409

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Sunday Schools	5021	4620		401
B. Y. P. U. Enrollment	507	507		
Woman's Miss. Union	432	410		22
Local Contributions	20013.30	18535.28	.....	1478.02
Missions and Benevolences ..	3382.55	4473.41	1090.86	.....
Total Gifts	23426.34	23008.69	.....	417.65

Last year 30 churches gave \$1586.63 to the Orphanage, this year 34 gave \$2454.37, a gain of \$867.74. Last year 31 churches gave \$422.02 to the Hospital, this year 33 gave \$683.16, a gain of \$261.14.

Respectfully submitted,
VERNE GREENE
N. M. GREENE

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25. The Association adjourned for the noon recess, benediction by M. A. Adams.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

26. The Association reconvened at 1:00. Vilas Minton conducted the devotional services.

27. The report on Christian Training was not ready and by motion the subject was discussed by J. C. Canipe.

28. The report on Obituaries was presented by Roby Painter. The report was adopted and the congregation sang "Shall We Gather at the River" and N. M. Greene led a prayer in memory of our departed members.

29. By motion the Clerk is directed to put a picture and short biography of any deceased member in our minutes when the necessary funds are provided.

30. Clyde R. Greene read the Treasurer's Report which was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 1939	.98
Received for Minutes	93.07
Received for Minutes from W. M. U.	7.90
Received from Union Church for Co. Program ...	7.37
Total	\$109.32
Paid for Minutes	78.50
Cooperative Program	7.37
Paid Postage	2.75
Paid Programs	2.50

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Paid Clerk 20.00
Total \$111.12
Overdraft \$ 1.80

Respectfully submitted,

CLYDE R. GREENE, Treas.

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31. S. C. Eggers read the report on Nominations which was adopted. The report will be found in Associational Directory page 4.

32. The report on Resolutions was read by Edgar Hardin and the report was adopted.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, wish to present the following:

1. We request that our pastors and preachers visit as many homes as possible throughout the Association.

2. We recommend that all churches so far as possible send representatives to the Association who will attend and take an active part in the work.

3. We recommend that the christian people use their influence to get men and women of good character and christian influence to teach our public schools.

4. We extend our sincere thanks to the pastor and people of Three Forks Church for the splendid manner in which they have entertained the One Hundredth Session of our Association.

5. We recognize the efficient work of our Moderator and Clerk and extend to them our sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR B. HARDIN

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33. I. B. Wilson presented the following report on Time, Place and Preacher which was adopted.

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Time—Tuesday and Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in August, 1941.

Place—Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Zionville, N. C.

Preacher—J. C. Canipe.

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Alternate—Grady Minton

Respectfully submitted,

I. B. WILSON

DAVID LOVE

FRED HAGAMAN

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34. By motion the Clerk was directed to prepare the manuscript for the minutes, have them printed and distributed to the churches and that he be allowed \$20.00 for his work.

35. A. J. Greene offered the suggestion that the Association appoint a Historical Commission to collect and preserve our Baptist history in the section. By motion of J. C. Canipe this was done by appointing A. J. Greene, Chairman of this Commission and empowering him to select four other members. N. M. Greene, R. C. Eggers, Wade E. Brown and Mrs. S. F. Horton were selected.

36. Lee Swift offered the following report of Finance Committee which was adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Received for Minute Fund	\$131.22
Received for Special Fund	\$137.60
Total	\$268.82
Paid to Treasurer	\$268.82

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37. A collection amounting to \$8.85 was taken to supplement this minute fund.

38. By motion of J. C. Canipe, seconded by Clayton Greene, the office of Vice-Moderator was created.

39. Upon motion of A. G. Miller, N. M. Greene was reelected Associational Missionary.

40. Officers were elected as follows:

S. C. Eggers — — — — — Moderator

Wade E. Brown — — — — — Vice Moderator

Clyde R. Greene — — — — — Clerk-Treasurer

Gordon Hodges — — — — — Song Leader

41. The Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

42. Roby Painter conducted the closing worship and the One-Hundredth Session of the Three Forks Association adjourned with prayer by R. C. Eggers retiring Moderator.

R. C. EGGERS, Moderator,
CLYDE R. GREENE, Clerk.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 1940

Special Day of the One-Hundredth Session of the Three Forks Association celebrating the One-Hundredth Anniversary of the Association and the 150th Anniversary of Three Forks Church.

1. Wade E. Brown, Chairman of the Executive Committee, called the session to order at 9:30 a. m.

2. Dr. J. T. C. Wright led in singing several hymns. R. C. Eggers led in prayer.

3. H. K. Middleton, pastor of Cove Creek Church conducted the devotional and J. C. Canipe led in prayer.

4. A. J. Greene presented Mrs. Odes Wilson who read the history of the Baptist Young People's Union and Mrs. Don H. Perry who read the history of the Woman's Missionary Union in our Association. A. J. Greene read a history of the Three Forks Association and the three papers have been combined and are being printed in this minute under the title, "History of Three Forks Association." N. M. Greene led prayer in memory of the founders and leaders of the Association.

5. Smith Hagaman, Superintendent of the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, N. C. delivered an address on the History of Three Forks Church and Association, in which he gave a detailed and vivid account of the Baptist movement in Piedmont and Northwest North Carolina culminating in the establishment of the Three Forks Church in 1790 and the Association in 1841.

6. Adjourned for noon recess.

7. The session reconvened at 1:00. W. J. Cook led the Mount Vernon Choir in several hymns from the Christian Harmony Hymnal. W. D. Ashley led in prayer.

8. J. C. Canipe, pastor of Boone Baptist Church, delivered

a sermon on the "Pioneer Preacher". He emphasized the following facts: 1. The pioneer preacher led in education, missions and morals. 2. He believed something. 3. He was an evangelist. 4. He was mighty in prayer. He believed the Bible. 6. Because of these things he led in building our civilization.

9. D. M. Edmisten introduced all preachers present.

10. I. G. Greer, Superintendent Baptist Orphanage, Thomasville, N. C., spoke on "The Progress of the Baptists of North Carolina." He delivered a masterful address on this subject in which he plead for us to dedicate ourselves to the task of the next one hundred years in the light of a glorious past.

11. Adjourned by singing "Onward Christian Soldiers", benediction by I. G. Greer.

12. A historical pageant celebrating the One-Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of Three Forks Church and the Centennial of the Three Forks Association was given at Boone Baptist Church at 8:00. (The pageant depicted the beginning of religious work of the Baptist Denomination in the territory that is now Watauga County from the days of the Indians to the present. The pageant was based upon historical facts as shown by minutes and records available. The names of the characters in the pageant were the actual people who took part in the organization of the Church and Association.) It was written by J. C. Canipe and was directed by A. Antonakos of the Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N. C.

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Cast Of Characters

INDIAN SCENE:

Indian Woman	-----	Mrs. Jake Caudill
Indian Braves	-----	J. C. Canipe, Jr., Greer Hodges, J. B. Hagaman, Jr., Junior Hodges, Stacy Eggers, Perry Greene.
Daniel Boone	-----	Charles Rogers

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ORGANIZATION OF THREE FORKS CHURCH:

Robert Shearer	B. W. Stallings
Mrs. Robert Shearer	Mrs. J. C. Canipe
James Tompkins	H. W. Wilcox
Richard Greene	R. D. Hodges
Daniel Eggers	Wade E. Brown
William Miller	George Greene
Avis Eggers	Mrs. Richard Kelly
Sarah Coleman	Mrs. H. R. Eggers
Ellender Greene	G. P. Hagaman
Lelia Council	Mrs. H. W. Wilcox
Ben Cutbirth	F. W. McCracken

TYPICAL CHURCH CONFERENCE:

Characters of preceding scene and

Benjamin Greer	W. C. Greer
James Calloway	I. T. Barnett
Ebenezer Fairchild	S. C. Eggers
John Cook	J. T. C. Wright
Song leader, Wm. Jackson	W. J. Cook
Choir	Mt. Vernon Choir

ORGANIZATION OF THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION:

Brazilla McBride	A. R. Smith
Jacob Faw	D. J. Cottrell
Isaiah Wilcoxson	H. R. Eggers
Dudley Farthing	James Farthing
Elder Jordan Ashley	J. L. Qualls
Elder William Brown	Ralph Greer

MODERN SCENE:

Preacher	Neil Hartley
Woman's Missionary Society Leader	Lucille Hartley
Members	Mrs. G. P. Eggers, Mrs. Wade Brown, Milton Mast
Girl's Aux. Representative	Hope Eller
B. Y. P. U. Representative	John Tatum

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Deacon ----- Clyde R. Greene

S. S. Superintendent ----- Rev. B. R. Page

Returned Missionary ----- Mrs. Mack Greer

(This pageant was to have been given at Three Forks Church in an outdoor theatre but a downpour of rain forced its removal to Boone Baptist Church).

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DEDICATED TO

The Members Who Have Passed to the Great Beyond
Since Our Last Session

ANTIOCH—

Mr. Joseph Harman

Mrs. Julia McLyea

BEAVER DAM—

Mr. J. H. Robinson

BETHEL—

Mr. R. S. Swift

Mr. Conley Greene

Mr. John W. Shell

Mrs. Emma Dishman

BROOKSIDE—

Mrs. Elizabeth Nelson

BRUSHY FORK—

Mr. Robert Hartley

Mrs. Martha Bentley

Mr. N. N. Colvard

COOL SPRINGS—

Miss Dakota Hartley

Mrs. Hartley

COVE CREEK—

Mrs. Julia Mast Lewis

FOREST GROVE—

Mrs. Sarah Storie

Mrs. Emma Matheson

Mrs. Mary Eller

GAP CREEK—

Mrs. Jane Day

HOWARDS CREEK—

Mr. Jones Barnes

MEAT CAMP—

Mr. D. C. Byers

Mrs. Lula Ragan

Mrs. Martha Hodges

Mrs. Laura Tatum

MOUNT CALVARY—

Mrs. Sallie Shook

Mr. F. P. Chappell

MOUNT LEBANON—

Deacon Henry Bumgardner

OAK GROVE—

Deacon James T. Gross

Mr. Hardin Brown

Mrs. Sylvia Greene Reeves

PLEASANT GROVE—

Mrs. Julia Grogan

Mrs. Bessie Perry

Mr. Allen Perry

Mrs. Abner Grogan

Mrs. Elmira Wilson

POPLAR GROVE—

Mrs. G. W. Austin

RUTHERWOOD—

Mr. James Larkin Greer

SHULLS MILLS—

Mr. G. W. Robbins

SOUTH FORK—

Mr. Will H. McGuire

Mr. W. N. Howell

Mrs. Cora Brown

STONY FORK—

Mr. Harvey Greene

Mrs. Lue Vena Miller

THREE FORKS—

Miss Minda Parker

Mrs. Susan Williams

TIMBERED RIDGE—

Mr. Grady Eller

UNION—

Mr. Will Hodges

Mrs. Maggie Eggers

WILLOWDALE—

Mr. Joran Prasnell

Mr. J. H. Brinkley

WILLOW VALLEY—

Deacon L. D. Harman

ZION HILL—

Mrs. Bettie Trivett

Mrs. Martha Trivett

ZIONVILLE—

Mrs. Ella Reece Walker

Mr. Wesley Brown

ALLEN A. PERRY

The dates August 21, 1875, and April 12, 1940, mark the earthly pilgrimage of Allen A. Perry. He was married on Jan. 16, 1895, to Martha Isaacs and to this union were born eight children. Mrs. Perry died Jan. 31, 1933. He was married on Dec. 22, 1934, to Ollie Belle Sherrill. He leaves behind Mrs. Perry and six children, as follows: Mrs. Ella Warren, Mrs. Clint Eggers, Mrs. Floyd Greene, Mrs. Bonnie Eggers, and Harley and Ralph Perry. Bro. Perry professed faith in Christ and united with Pleasant Grove Baptist Church early in life. His was a life of service both to the public and in his church. At the time of his death he was a teacher of the Men's Bible Class. As a citizen he stood four-square for the right. As a christian he was loyal and faithful to his church. Whatever he undertook he did it well. He was a dutiful son, a good father and husband and an outstanding citizen. Surely a prince in Israel has fallen. He will be missed.



JAMES LARKIN GREER

James Larkin Greer was born Sept. 16, 1861, died June 29, 1940. He was married to Miss Rhoda Teague Sept. 25, 1882. To this union were born four sons and two daughters, also one son by a former marriage. He joined Laurel Springs Baptist Church Nov. 3, 1896, where he remained a faithful member until Nov., 1938, when he left that church to become a charter member of Rutherford Church. Here he never missed a service if his health permitted his attendance. Even after failing health prohibited him from attending church he often requested

his family to raise him up in bed so that he might look at the church during services. Bro. Greer was the oldest and one of the most beloved members of our church. It is with deep sorrow that we report his passing.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THREE FORKS

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Association held its Twenty-Seventh Annual Session with Blowing Rock Baptist Church May 21, 1940.

The session was opened by singing "How Firm A Foundation." Mrs. Bessie Greene led the devotional, reading Col. 2:2, followed by prayer by J. A. McKaughan.

After repeating the watchword in unison, greetings were given by Mrs. Kent Brown, response by Mrs. Dave Mast.

The Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. D. F. Horton, made a report and discussed personal service, using Col. 3:17 as the basis for her talk.

Mrs. J. L. Qualls, Stewardship Chairman, in discussing Christian Stewardship, stressed the fact that we should be stewards of our time, talents, influence and wealth, and that we should increase our gifts to Cooperative Program, for through it we give to all causes according to their needs.

In the absence of Mrs. J. C. Canipe, Mission Study Chairman, no Mission Study Report was given.

Mrs. T. Len Cook discussed the plan of the One Hundred Thousand Club, the purpose of it and the result from the use of it.

Special music, "Be Still and Know," was given by Mrs. Berryman and Mrs. Kent Brown of Blowing Rock.

To the roll call the following societies responded with good reports and the number of their delegates in attendance: Boone 10, Blowing Rock 17, Cove Creek 11, Meat Camp 9, Poplar Grove 1, Stony Fork 6. Mount Calvary and Willow Valley had no delegates but sent reports.

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The Treasurer made the following report:

Balance in Treasury June 15, 1939 -----	\$12.55
Received for Minute Fund -----	5.03

Total -----	\$17.58
Paid out for Minutes -----	7.60

Balance in Treasury -----	\$ 9.98
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In the absence of Mrs. W. C. Greer, Mrs. J. L. Qualls read the report on the D. D. Dougherty Memorial Library. About 500 books are now in the library. Some new books especially suited to the preachers of the Association have recently been added and are now in use.

The Superintendent reported that she had written 108 letters, traveled 90 miles, and had one meeting in the interest of woman's work.

The following pastors and visitors were recognized: J. A. McKaughan, Roby Painter, Mrs. W. D. Briggs, State Executive Secretary of Raleigh, and Mrs. A. O. Jones, Superintendent of Alleghany Association.

The Superintendent appointed the following committees:
NOMINATIONS—Mrs. D. F. Horton, Mrs. A. E. Moretz, Mrs. Ethel Hodges, Mrs. R. S. Swift and Mrs. T. Len Cook.

OBITUARIES—Mrs. Alice Brown, Mrs. Chas. Ray.

RECOMMENDATIONS—Mrs. J. L. Qualls, Mrs. O. J. Phillips.

TIME AND PLACE—Mrs. Hattie Lewis, Mrs. Kent Brown, Mrs. R. L. Wagoner.

RESOLUTIONS—Mrs. Dave Mast, Mrs. S. F. Horton.

The Superintendent introduced Mrs. W. D. Briggs who spoke on the watchword and hymn of the year. She emphasized that we stand firm, and spoke briefly on prayer life, mission study, personal service and stewardship. She mentioned the Heck Memorial offering, \$2700.00 of which will go to the building fund of the W. M. U. Training School at Louisville, Ky., \$4000.00 to be used to establish a scholarship there in memory of Mrs. Edna R. Harris.

The morning session was then dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Briggs.

Afternoon Session

After opening the afternoon session by singing "Make Me a Channel of Blessing," Mrs. W. D. Briggs held a conference in which she explained the report blanks and the standard of excellence chart.

Miss Maude Perry led the devotional, after which Roby Painter led in prayer.

The young people, with Mrs. Nora Wilson as leader, had charge of the afternoon program. The topic was, "Building Today and Tomorrow For Christ."

Scripture for the Sunbeams was given by Rebecca Sue Shoemaker, watchword by David Horton and poem, "A Child," by Carson Perry, followed by special music, "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Them," by Margaret Adams.

The Girls' Auxiliary gave their scripture, watchword and hymn, "We've A Story to Tell to the Nations."

The Royal Ambassadors gave their scripture, hymn, "The King's Business," commission and declaration.

The Young Women's Auxiliary gave their hymn, "O Zion Haste," scripture, watchword and ideals, followed by a short talk by Margaret Adams on "How Y. W. A. has helped me to Share Christ."

The Societies reported: Boone Sunbeams 1, Intermediate G. A. 1, Y. W. A. 1; Cove Creek Sunbeams 4, G. A. 7, R. A. 8, Y. W. A. 7.

After singing "Give of Your Best to the Master," an offering was taken for printing the minutes, which amounted to \$5.19.

The report on Obituaries was read by Mrs. Alice Brown and adopted.

OBITUARIES

Within the past year year it has been the will of God to call some of the members of certain churches to be with him. Following is a list:

COVE CREEK—Mrs. Julia Lewis.

BLOWING ROCK—Mrs. Roby Coffey.

POPLAR GROVE—Mrs. Willard Presnell.

STONY FORK—Mrs. Louvenia Miller.

We feel that the societies to which they belonged have sustained

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a great loss, but our loss is their gain. The Bible says, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

We bow in humble submission to His will knowing he does all things well. Our sympathy goes out to each of the bereaved families.

We ask that this be printed in our minutes and a copy sent to the bereaved families.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. CHAS. RAY
MRS. ALICE BROWN

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Mrs. A. E. Moretz read the report on Nominations which was adopted.

Superintendent	-----	Mrs. D. P. Coffey
Assistant Supt.	-----	Mrs. Clara Brown
Secretary-Treasurer	-----	Mrs. Don C. Perry
Mission Study Chairman	-----	Mrs. J. C. Canipe
Personal Service Chairman	-----	Mrs. S. F. Horton
Stewardship Chairman	-----	Mrs. J. L. Qualls
Librarian	-----	Mrs. Floy Mast
Young Peoples Leader	-----	Mrs. Herman Wilcox
Young Peoples Leader	-----	Mrs. Nora M. Wilson

The report on Time and Place was made by Mrs. R. L. Wagner and adopted.

PLACE—Stony Fork Baptist Church.

TIME—Tuesday after the Third Sunday in May, 1941.

The report on resolutions was read by Mrs. Dave Mast and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

We, the members of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Association, who have met in this our Twenty-Seventh Annual Session are sincerely appreciative for the christian fellowship and friendliness that we have experienced in your midst during this day's meeting. Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That we express our gratitude to the women of Blowing Rock Church for the kind and hospitable manner in which we have been received and entertained.

2. That we gratefully acknowledge the untiring efforts and accomplishments of our W. M. U. officials, particularly of our beloved

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President, Mrs. Coffey, and that we pledge to them anew our love and prayers for their continued consecration in the Lord's service.

3. That we express our thanks to Mrs. Briggs, our State Secretary, and any and all who have in any way helped to make this day's program an enjoyable and spiritually profitable one.

4. That, as we go our from the christian fellowship of this church, we intensify our efforts to win the lost of our Association to Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. DAVE P. MAST
MRS. S. F. HORTON

The report on Recommendations was read by Mrs. Oscar Phillips and adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Grateful for the many blessings that have come to us and realizing our opportunities for service for Him we recommend.

1. Our watchword "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord," 1st Cor. 15:58 and our Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation".

2. That soul winning be continually emphasized and promoted through Personal Service plans in local societies and that books on soul winning be studied.

3. That each society observe the special seasons of prayer and special offerings, and that we participate in seasons of prayer for world peace and give generously and prayerfully to the support of relief work in mission fields.

4. Goals—enlarged membership, more tithers, increased gifts, additional mission study classes and vitalized personal service.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. O. J. PHILLIPS
MRS. J. L. QUALLS

A few remarks were made on young people's organizations by Mrs. W. D. Briggs and J. A. McKaughan spoke briefly on the Baptist Hospital and asked that each society make a special offering for it on the Fifth Sunday in June.

On motion to adjourn, Mrs. Briggs dismissed the session with prayer.

Mrs. D. P. Coffey, Superintendent
Mrs. Don C. Perry, Secretary.

TABLE TWO — SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES		SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES										Teachers Hold'g. Dip.						Enrollment V. B. S.		Av. Att. V. B. S.	
		Cradle Roll Under 3	Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16	Young People 17-24	Adults 25 and Up	Extension Dept.	Departmental Officers	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Baptisms from S. S.	Is School Graded?	Teachers Hold'g. Dip.	Enrollment V. B. S.	Av. Att. V. B. S.				
1. Antioch.....	M. L. Shepherd, Sugar Grove.....	20	11	14	19	14	12	12	8	98	66	1	..	..	..	..	..				
2. Beaver Dam.....	Dallas Wilson, Reece.....	..	22	18	19	33	35	40	..	7	174	120	9	..	..	..	..				
3. Bethany.....	A. T. Watson, Rominger.....	6	16	10	19	37	40	..	..	83	55	1	..	..	..	..	..				
4. Bethel.....	Carl Farthing, Sugar Grove.....	..	40	24	25	30	40	70	..	2	299	126	1	..	..	..	..				
5. Blowing Rock.....	Kent Brown, Blowing Rock.....	24	22	33	57	80	327	102	24	19	688	263	7	..	28	..	..				
6. Boone.....	W. D. Farthing, Boone.....	8	6	6	4	7	..	25	..	5	61	40	..	..	..	..	..				
7. Brookside.....	D. R. Ford, Blowing Rock.....	14	24	14	12	10	15	50	..	9	149	83	..	..	..	..	..				
8. Brushy Fork.....	Lee Anderson, Vilas.....	..	12	8	15	..	..	..	..	..	50	6	..	..	..	..	..				
9. Clark Creek.....	W. C. Smith, Banner Elk.....	17	13	20	34	37	41	25	..	20	55	48	..	..	..	58	47				
10. Cool Springs.....	M. L. West, Shulls Mills.....	5	14	8	24	37	41	25	..	20	187	100	..	..	..	..	..				
11. Cove Creek.....	Gordon Sherwood, Sherwood.....	..	12	12	18	15	18	49	..	8	124	65	3	..	..	64	50				
12. Elk Knob.....	Frank Main, Tamarack.....	..	3	6	10	12	18	16	25	..	51	45	..	..	..	..	..				
13. Forest Grove.....	J. G. Johnson, Reece.....	9	16	10	23	38	60	59	13	20	243	136	..	..	..	..	..				
14. Gap Creek.....	A. G. Miller, Deep Gap.....	6	10	7	16	25	17	32	..	11	124	73	6	..	..	..	..				
15. Howards Creek.....	Fields Baker, Boone.....	..	6	10	6	8	18	32	7	7	87	70	..	..	..	..	..				
16. Laurel Springs.....	D. B. Wagner, Boone.....	..	15	12	15	15	..	30	..	80	60	..	..	..	..	..	..				
17. Meat Camp.....	Verne Greene, Zionville.....	8	15	7	18	10	10	18	..	4	200	130	15	..	..	60	40				
18. Middle Fork.....	Paul Hodges, Blowing Rock.....	10	21	18	30	10	52	55	..	25	186	186	..	..	68	45	..				
19. Mount Calvary.....	J. M. Shoemaker, Balm.....	21	16	13	20	22	35	34	..	109	50	..	..	..	..	..	..				
20. Mount Gilead.....	O. H. Trivett, Beech Creek.....	..	20	11	24	22	12	20	..	4	77	52	..	..	..	..	..				
21. Mount Lebanon.....	Ronda Earp, Vilas.....	6	4	4	14	14	15	15	..	8	68	40	..	..	..	..	..				
22. Oak Grove.....	L. M. Hodges, Adams.....	..	6	8	6	10	12	10	..	2	128	82	..	..	..	..	..				
23. Pleasant Grove.....	I. B. Wilson, Zionville.....	12	19	23	18	21	33	..	6	74	60	..	..	..	..	..	..				
24. Poplar Grove.....	M. W. Day, Shulls Mills.....	..	14	..	12	..	24	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
25. Proffits Grove.....	A. J. Bryan, Meat Camp.....	12	25	25	23	19	15	66	..	12	197	137	8	..	..	..	..				
26. Rich Mountain.....	Jim McNeil, Zionville.....	..	25	12	17	18	47	..	..	131	68	..	..	..	..	..	..				
27. Rutherford.....	W. C. Carroll, Boone.....	8	6	8	20	20	25	..	..	107	62	3	..	1	..	..	..				
28. Shulls Mills.....	Mrs. Edna Holloway, Shulls Mills.....	14	10	15	9	18	39	..	..	105	80	3	..	..	..	..	..				
29. South Fork.....	E. R. Mikeal, Todd.....	..	14	8	7	23	..	41	..	9	100	63	5	..	3	45	30				
30. Stony Fork.....	W. L. Greene, Stony Fork.....	..	8	8	12	20	18	25	..	7	93	55	3	..	..	45	30				
31. Three Forks.....	W. G. Todd, Boone.....	..	14	8	7	23	..	41	..	93	55	3	..	..	..	..	..				
32. Timbered Ridge.....	Robert Greene, Reece.....	..	19	16	..	28	25	45	..	17	95	83	..	..	..	..	..				
33. Union.....	W. M. Thomas, Mabel.....	154	499	412	588	616	973	1172	37	203	4620	..	79	..	32	295	..				
34. Willowdale.....	Mrs. Maxie Edmisten, Vilas.....	..	24	40	24	25	45	..	..	10	168	108	..	..	..	..	..				
35. Willow Valley.....	Spencer Cable, Sugar Grove.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
36. Zion Hill.....	Graddon Haganan, Beech Creek.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
37. Zionville.....	N. T. Evers, Zionville.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				
TOTALS.....		154	499	412	588	616	973	1172	37	203	4620	..	79	..	32	295	..				

Forest Grove Is Standard A-1 Mount Calvary has Mission Sunday School with enrollment of 65.

TABLE THREE — BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	Director of Training Union H. W. WILCOX Boone, N. C.	Adult Unions														No. Taking St. Crse.	Tot. Systematic Givers
		Young People's Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Story Hours	Total Unions, St. Hrs.	Adults Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Intermediates Enr'd.	Juniors Enrolled	Story Hours Enrolled	Total Enrolled Unions and Story Hours	No. Daily Bible R'd'rs.				
1. Bethany	Mrs. D. P. Coffey	1	1	1	1	5	25	11	13	6	8	25	6	10			
2. Blowing Rock	James Storie	1	1	1	1	5	6	6	44	16	26	26	6	26			
3. Boone	Minnie Dare Greene	1	1	1	1	3	20	50	40	26	5	141	30	57			
4. Brushy Fork	Paul Tugman	1	1	1	1	3	18	12	10	26	10	40	15	131			
5. Cove Creek	Homer Shoemaker	1	1	1	1	2	22	13	13	35	12	61	12	14			
6. Mount Calvary	W. M. Hodges	1	1	1	1	3	18	20	20	25	15	80	35	55			
7. Oak Grove		1	1	1	1	3	20	20	20	25	15	80	35	5			
8. Zionville		1	6	4	6	2	40	91	139	85	164	28	507	175			
TOTALS		4	6	4	6	2	20	91	139	85	164	28	507	175			
														91	241		

TABLE FOUR — WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND POST OFFICES										No. W. M. Societies	No. of Y. W. A.'s	Number of G. A.'s	Number of R. A.'s	Number of Sunbeams	Total W. M. U. Org's.	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A.'s Members	G. A.'s Members	R. A.'s Members	Sunbeam Members	Tot. Members Enr'led	Tot. Enrolled M. S. C.	Contributions (Local Work) by W. M. U.	Contributions (Missions) by W. M. U.	Grand Total Given By W. M. U. and Its Organizations
1. Blowing Rock.....	Mrs. J. M. Hodges, Blowing Rock.....	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	29	108	10	32	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	15	112.64	62.50	175.24
2. Boone.....	Mrs. J. L. Qualls, Boone.....	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	10	32	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	52	1982.98	441.61	2424.59
3. Cove Creek.....	Mrs. James Mast, Sherwood.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	40	22	38	22	18	140	40	45.35	50.91	96.26	23	40	45.35	50.91	96.26
4. Meat Camp.....	Mrs. Bessie Greene, Zionville.....	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	..	19.18	2.60	21.78
5. Mount Calvary.....	Mrs. Marshal Ward, Balm.....	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..
6. Poplar Grove.....	.....	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	5.50	33.50	39.00
7. Stony Fork.....	Mrs. R. L. Wagner, Deep Gap.....	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	..	21.50	48.37	69.87
8. Willow Valley.....	Mrs. Spencer Cable, Sugar Grove.....	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	117.00
TOTALS.....	.....	8	2	3	1	2	1	1	1	16	248	32	70	22	38	410	107	2187.15	639.59	2943.74	38	410	107	2187.15	639.59	2943.74

TABLE FIVE — CHURCH PROPERTY

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Own House Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Dept. Ass'ly. Rooms	No. Sep. Class Rooms	Value Church House and Grounds	Value Mission Chapel If Any	Value Pastor's Home	Total Value of All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
1. Antioch.....	Dwight Cable, Sugar Grove.	Yes	1903	Wood	350	8	1	7	2500	.....	.....	2500	.....	.....
2. Beaver Dam.....	C. B. Reese, Trade, Tenn.	Yes	1924	Wood	300	1	.....	.....	3800	.....	.....	3800	.....	.....
3. Bethany.....	M. P. Ward, Balm.	Yes	1898	Wood	200	1	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....
4. Bethel.....	Bert Farthing, Sugar Grove.	Yes	1938	Brick	450	9	1	8	5000	.....	.....	5000	1081	.....
5. Blowing Rock.....	M. C. Johnson, Blowing Rock.	Yes	1924	Wood	200	8	1	7	3800	.....	.....	17000	.....	.....
6. Boone.....	G. P. Hagaman, Boone.	Yes	1929	Brick	850	47	6	41	75000	.....	7500	82500	11500	25000
7. Brookside.....	Mrs. D. R. Ford, Blowing Rock.	Yes	1938	Brick	400	1	.....	.....	2500	.....	.....	2500	.....	.....
8. Brushy Fork.....	Minnie Dare Greene, Vilas.	Yes	1881	Wood	300	6	1	5	4000	.....	.....	4000	.....	1500
9. Clarks Creek.....	Harston Coffey, Banner Elk.	Yes	1888	Wood	400	1	.....	.....	500	.....	.....	500	.....	.....
10. Cool Springs.....	E. E. Carlton, Shulls Mills.	Yes	1893	Brick	400	10	1	9	10000	.....	4000	14000	22	2200
11. Cove Creek.....	Hattie S. Lewis, Sherwood.	Yes	1890	Wood	200	1	.....	.....	500	.....	.....	500	.....	.....
12. Elk Knob.....	W. C. South, Tamarack.	Yes	1907	Wood	450	1	.....	.....	1400	.....	.....	1400	.....	.....
13. Forest Grove.....	Walter R. Johnson, Vilas.	Yes	1882	Wood	300	5	1	4	1500	.....	.....	1500	.....	.....
14. Gap Creek.....	H. E. Greene, Deep Gap.	Yes	1900	Wood	400	3	1	2	1000	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....
15. Howards Creek.....	Ernest Brown, Boone.	Yes	1938	Brick	600	1	.....	.....	5130	.....	.....	5130	.....	.....
16. Laurel Springs.....	W. H. Wagner, Boone.	Yes	1927	Wood	400	5	1	4	5000	.....	.....	5000	.....	.....
17. Meat Camp.....	M. C. Brown, Boone.	Yes	1905	Wood	300	1	.....	.....	2000	.....	.....	2000	.....	.....
18. Middle Fork.....	L. P. Hodges, Blowing Rock.	Yes	1933	Brick	400	6	1	5	10000	300	.....	10300	.....	.....
19. Mount Calvary.....	R. C. Greene, Balm.	Yes	.....	Brick	400	1	.....	.....	2000	.....	.....	2000	.....	.....
20. Mount Gilead.....	Rond Earp, Vilas.	Yes	1891	Wood	300	1	.....	.....	900	.....	.....	900	.....	.....
21. Mount Lebanon.....	Mrs. L. M. Hodges, Adams.	Yes	1937	Brick	400	6	1	5	7200	.....	.....	7200	1692	2000
22. Oak Grove.....	John Hagaman, Zionville.	Yes	1892	Wood	500	5	1	4	3000	.....	.....	3000	.....	.....
23. Pleasant Grove.....	Collis Austin, Shulls Mills.	Yes	1914	Wood	225	6	1	5	4500	.....	.....	4500	.....	.....
24. Poplar Grove.....	C. M. Proffitt, Meat Camp.	Yes	1919	Wood	300	1	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....
25. Proffits Grove.....	L. E. Beech, Zionville.	Yes	1906	Wood	200	1	.....	.....	1500	.....	.....	1500	.....	.....
26. Rich Mountain.....	Mrs. B. D. Clawson, Boone.	Yes	1939	Wood	400	1	.....	.....	2800	.....	.....	2800	.....	.....
27. Rutherswood.....	J. M. Day, Shulls Mills.	Yes	1888	Wood	250	1	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....
28. Shulls Mills.....	W. G. Cook, Todd.	Yes	1901	Wood	300	1	.....	.....	3000	300	.....	3300	.....	.....
29. South Fork.....	John Welborn, Stony Fork.	Yes	1898	Wood	600	1	.....	.....	1200	.....	.....	1200	.....	.....
30. Stony Fork.....	Walter Edmisten, Boone.	Yes	1922	Wood	300	5	1	4	3000	.....	.....	3000	.....	.....
31. Three Forks.....	Wade L. Greene, Reese.	Yes	1912	Wood	300	1	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....	1000	23	.....
32. Timbered Ridge.....	J. M. Burgett, Mabel.	Yes	1893	Wood	300	1	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....
33. Union.....	I. A. Bumgarner, Vilas.	Yes	1923	Wood	300	6	1	5	3000	.....	.....	3000	.....	.....
34. Willowdale.....	George Harman, Sugar Grove.	Yes	.....	Wood	200	1	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....
35. Willow Valley.....	Lewis Harman, Sugar Grove.	Yes	1886	Wood	400	3	1	2	1500	.....	.....	1500	.....	.....
36. Zion Hill.....	Curtis May, Trade, Tenn.	Yes	1926	Wood	300	7	1	6	19300	.....	.....	204300	14318	32700
37. Zionville.....	.....	Yes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

CHURCHES

Regular Treasurers
and Post Offices

1.	Antioch.	Edwin L. Glenn, Sugar Grove	100.39	34.00		12.50	16.32	11.60		174.80
2.	Bethany	A. T. Watson, Rominger	71.68				20.00			92.68
3.	Beaver Dam	Lee Swift, Trade Tenn.	176.74	55.85		20.00	32.78	8.00	1.00	280.62
4.	Bethel	W. W. Wilson, Sugar Grove	112.56		602.13	50.00	64.63	56.56	4.08	895.96
5.	Blowing Rock	D. P. Coffey, Blowing Rock	157.65	39.87	2.25	47.10	72.88		2.00	338.58
6.	Boone	Russell D. Hodges, Boone	2160.59	150.00	56.15	1115.00	795.93	407.52	15.40	4758.29
7.	Brookside		25.00				6.00		.50	31.50
8.	Brushy Fork	Fred C. Wilson, Vilas	249.87	34.38		81.88	58.11	6.70	4.00	449.79
9.	Clarks Creek		55.00			28.50	12.00			95.50
10.	Cool Springs	Kenneth Payne, Boone		25.00	75.00		27.50		.50	218.09
11.	Cove Creek	Paul S. Southam, Sherwood	293.76	112.16	222.24	32.38	83.74	3.50	6.87	901.02
12.	Elk Knob	Sam S. Thomas, Tamarrack	55.25				111.02		1.00	184.75
13.	Forest Grove	Spencer Warren, Vilas	130.59	16.00		12.00	26.88		2.60	188.07
14.	Gap Creek	Mrs. Clyde Moretz, Deep Gap	157.68	30.00	51.00	11.40	25.00		10.00	285.08
15.	Howards Creek	Mrs. W. L. Brown, Boone	142.59	13.55	70.15	31.49	15.88	31.00		379.46
16.	Laurel Springs	W. H. Wagner, Boone	147.87	52.16		31.26	27.73	82.50	9.05	360.32
17.	Meat Camp	W. H. Greene, Boone	150.35	95.79	8.89	55.47	39.27	10.00		375.36
18.	Middle Fork	L. P. Hodges, Blowing Rock	120.56			31.50	27.19		2.50	179.25
19.	Mount Calvary	J. M. Shoemaker, Balm	344.06	57.05	85.85	90.00	69.00	45.95	10.00	695.24
20.	Mount Gilead	O. H. Trivett, Beech Creek	59.52		6.75		14.29			52.56
21.	Mount Lebanon	Clarence Earp, Vilas	78.80	20.00			19.44			127.73
22.	Oak Grove	Joe McNeil, Vilas	263.83	4.00	10.00	200.00	675.50		1.62	1340.06
23.	Pleasant Grove	John Hagaman, Zionville	317.68	22.17	72.00	58.30	70.87	20.00	2.45	629.57
24.	Poplar Grove		101.62			250.00	31.00	27.00	9.00	422.62
25.	Proffits Grove	Herman Bryan, Meat Camp	91.00	15.28		10.00	10.94	18.09	11.25	155.56
26.	Rich Mountain	L. E. Beach, Zionville	50.00	15.75			12.00		3.00	89.25
27.	Rutherford	F. H. Michael, Boone	134.82		288.00		9.38	26.00	1.50	460.20
28.	Shulls Mills	Mrs. Minnie Cook, Shulls Mills	127.92							292.37
29.	South Fork		133.00	32.97		18.16	15.07			164.45
30.	Stony Fork	D. L. Welborn, Stony Fork	306.91	35.90		4.00				500.67
31.	Three Forks	W. G. Todd, Boone	140.00	6.00	37.50		38.25		6.00	366.37
32.	Timbered Ridge	E. B. Hagaman, Beech Creek	43.89	16.01	48.86	12.59	8.00			271.03
33.	Union		137.00	78.00	911.00		35.00	38.00		86.81
34.	Willowdale	Cecil Glenn, Vilas	127.80	30.00			35.00	550.00	4.00	1813.00
35.	Willow Valley	Osborne Harman, Sugar Grove	190.50	3.86	4.50		44.00	23.00	2.00	226.80
36.	Zion Hill	Clarence Cannon, Beech Creek	141.98	32.50	383.99		30.70	25.65	1.02	294.14
37.	Zionville	Mozella Eggers, Zionville	198.73	52.87	26.15	38.96	12.81	3.75	3.25	617.04
TOTALS			7463.28	96.45	1136.77	3398.71	1975.47	1438.49	127.95	442.88
						1894.25	9810.96			18359.28

TABLE SEVEN — MISSIONS, EDUCATION and all BENEVOLENCES

CHURCHES

	Total to Cooperative Program	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Schools and Colleges	Special to Theological Sem.	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	Hundred Thousand Club	Total Given Missions by Church and Depts.	Grand Total for All Church and Depts.
1. Antioch.....	8.20					3.97	75.00	8.47			87.44	262.24
2. Bethany.....							7.00	1.00			16.20	108.88
3. Beaver Dam.....		5.25	.50	8.15		11.00	105.30	16.51			146.71	427.33
4. Bethel.....	33.55	16.80		7.56			31.14	17.56			106.61	1002.57
5. Blowing Rock.....						3.70	19.76	3.38			26.84	365.37
6. Boone.....	350.00			124.16		72.28	135.64	187.13	39.96	124.00	1033.17	5791.46
7. Brookside.....								2.50			2.50	34.00
8. Brushy Fork.....				19.95	33.60		148.01	79.50	8.00		323.20	772.99
9. Clarks Creek.....	34.74						36.00	4.67			40.67	136.17
10. Cool Springs.....												218.09
11. Cove Creek.....		10.87	10.37	27.39	5.15	7.78	48.19	23.42		18.00	151.17	1052.19
12. Elk Knob.....								7.90			7.90	92.65
13. Forest Grove.....	13.54						13.54	13.75			40.83	228.90
14. Gap Creek.....		15.84	14.09	14.00			73.43	22.34	6.00		145.70	430.78
15. Howards Creek.....	25.25						178.65	16.00			219.90	599.36
16. Laurel Springs.....							100.38	18.76			119.14	479.46
17. Meat Camp.....		5.76	4.88	2.44			104.02	16.17	8.00		141.27	516.63
18. Middle Fork.....			4.00				102.00	8.28			114.28	294.53
19. Mount Calvary.....	40.78						46.30				87.08	782.22
20. Mount Gilead.....							2.05	3.46			5.51	58.07
21. Mount Lebanon.....							27.97	4.15			32.12	159.85
22. Oak Grove.....	6.00						58.50	39.45			103.95	1444.01
23. Pleasant Grove.....	75.00	2.30					252.99	5.75			336.04	965.61
24. Poplar Grove.....		1.88					45.41	9.34	4.00		60.63	483.25
25. Profitts Grove.....		3.30					29.50	22.92			55.72	211.28
26. Rich Mountain.....							18.51				18.51	107.76
27. Ruthenwood.....							32.99	9.30			42.29	502.49
28. Shulls Mills.....							58.48				58.48	350.85
29. South Fork.....		1.60					4.05	5.80			11.45	212.12
30. Stony Fork.....							161.25	25.03			186.28	552.65
31. Three Forks.....	48.04					13.07	68.97	21.65	4.22		155.95	426.98
32. Timbered Ridge.....		1.28					6.37	4.37			12.02	98.83
33. Union.....							105.00	13.00			118.00	1931.00
34. Willowdale.....	7.00						35.33	7.06			42.39	274.19
35. Willow Valley.....	8.94						103.86	7.67			120.47	414.61
36. Zion Hill.....		2.07		3.00		5.72	72.70	24.87			107.66	724.70
37. Zionville.....		3.25					146.08	32.00	4.00		185.33	520.47
TOTALS.....	651.04	10.51	10.37	94.96	59.15	117.50	175.19	474.70	4.00	18.00	1752.43	10062.40

Historical Appendix

On the following pages we give the history of the Three Forks Baptist Association and the history of the various churches that make up the Three Forks Association.

HISTORY OF THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION

(Written by Rev. A. J. Greene, except sections on W. M. U. and B. Y. P. U., which were written by Mrs. D. F. Horton and Mrs. Odes Wilson, respectively, and read at the One Hundredth Session of the Association at Three Forks Church, August 29, 1940.)

About the year 1756, the South Carolina Association, in session, discussed the destitution along the Yadkin River, and passed resolution requesting the Philadelphia Association, meeting in Philadelphia, to select and send some preacher to minister to the fourteen settlements along the Yadkin River. These were scattered from the North Carolina-South Carolina line to what is now North Wilkesboro in Wilkes County. In compliance with this request, the Philadelphia Association sent one Reverend John Gano. He immediately set out for North Carolina on horseback. This trip consumed six weeks, as this was the only mode of travel at that time, and roads were in many sections of the county almost impassable. He traveled and preached in the churches of these settlements, or at least to those who were needing him and immediately following. These fourteen churches had been organized into the old Yadkin Association in 1790. As evidence of this an old copy of minutes in the possession of Supt. Reece, Moderator of the Yadkin Association, now shows that members of the New River Church of the Three Fork Settlement were messengers. It is interesting to note that at the first session of the Association, they petitioned the Virginia Association for the right to organize a separate Association in North Carolina. This new Association (Yadkin) covered the entire territory from Salisbury, West as far as what is now Mountain City, Tennessee.

Some time within the next fifty years, there was another Association carved out of the old Yadkin Association, known as the Mountain District Association, and from this Association was later, that is to say in 1840, the Three Forks Association organized. Thence we see that our organization came by the circuitous route through missionary effort from South Carolina Association to Philadelphia Association; from Philadelphia through the Virginia Association; then Yadkin; then the Mountain District Association, on to what is now the Three Forks Association.

The Three Forks was formed out of the Mountain Association. The territory that formed the Mountain Association embraced terri-

torry in North Carolina, East Tennessee, and a small portion of Virginia. Three Forks, Ebenezer, Three Forks of the North Fork, South Fork, Old Field, Roan's Creek, Pine Grove, and Cove Creek Churches withdrew by letter from the Mountain Association, and on October 5, 1841, met at Three Forks Church and organized the new Association and named it for the church in which it was organized, Three Forks. At that time there were 470 members, and the following ministers, Isaiah Wilcoxon, Brazilla McBride, Jacob Faw, Jacob Greene, Reuben Farthing, and the following licensed ministers: David Cook, Absalom Faw, Richard Gentry. Isaiah Wilcoxon was elected Moderator, and Richard Gentry, Clerk.

The first meeting of the Association was on Friday before the first Sunday in September. The first day was devoted to the annual sermon and the election of officers. The second day was devoted to business which was made up by a Committee on Arrangements. The third day was devoted entirely to preaching. This form of conducting the Association went on for many, many years until the Association began to widen its scope, and it had to have other committees to function. Another committee was one on finances. The business session was devoted principally to discussion of matters coming up from the churches. In other words, in answering questions that the various churches might ask on how to proceed with certain things. It is remarkable how many things were sent up to ask the advice of the Association. It is noticeable in all of the proceedings that the Association never trespassed on the independence of the church. It issued no mandates, but merely gave advice. From time to time the Association took on so many objects that its procedure was clogged with business. At Pleasant Grove, in 1924, there was a committee appointed for the betterment of the Association, but it was unable to do but very little. At this time, the Moderator's address and a few other minor changes were made. In 1930, at Mt. Lebanon Church, a committee revamped the groupings of the committees and reduced the number. That is the present form by which the Association works at this time.

The Three Forks Association has always been strong on preaching the Word. Sessions of the Association opened with a sermon until 1935, when the hour was changed until 11:30. It was the custom from the beginning for some ministers to preach at various hours to the overflow on the outside. In fact, in all the early days all Sunday was devoted to preaching. At Ebenezer Church in 1847, there were 5 sermons on Sunday, and a number of them were not of the modern variety in length. A change of date caused this custom to be abandoned. In 1923, because of distractions to the session, outdoor preaching was abolished.

One notable thing that the record shows is that the leaders of the Association have always been believers in missions. This is one gold-

en thread that runs through the minutes for 100 years. This spirit of missions prevailed in several churches before the body was organized. Especially was this true of Three Fork Church. The church urged its pastor and other ministers to carry the Word to other communities. The Association has been careful to admit no church that failed to have missions in its constitution. Churches that developed anti-missions were excluded. Correspondence was dropped with anti-mission Associations.

In the session of the Association held with Roan's Creek Church in 1843, the Association was divided into four sub-divisions that each group might have what they called a union meeting, and ministers were designated to attend each one. The purpose of this was to carry the Gospel and vital Christian topics to the people.

At Globe Church in Caldwell County in 1868, the Association was re-divided into three divisions for the same purpose. Later there was a division into two groups—one east and one west of Rich Mountain—in which group meetings were held, and the Association alternated in this division.

Another custom among the early days of the Association was during the session, someone was appointed to write a circular letter to the churches in the Association. Rufus Moore of the Globe community wrote the first one that is recorded in the minutes. This may be an echo from the New Testament custom of writing letters to the churches. It was the means by which they kept the spirit of brotherhood and unity.

For the first three years of the Association, it seems that the mission work was carried on by the pastors and local preachers without organized efforts. The minutes of 1874 show that Elder D. B. Brown, as missionary preached 70 sermons, made 12 addresses, and baptized 16 people. He traveled 591 miles and received a salary of \$56.00. In 1877, the report shows that Elder J. W. Hall spent 110 days traveling 1220 miles in the mission work and received a salary of \$32.00. Elder Day, in 1881, spent 64 days in the work, traveled 260 miles, preached 102 times, and baptized 56, and received a salary of \$63.00. On the following year, Elder G. H. Church traveled 240 miles and preached 21 sermons.

The Association joined the Baptist State Convention in 1887, in its session at Beaver Dam Church, and has been affiliated with that body ever since.

At Antioch Church in 1893, the Association had under consideration the mission question. They split this time on the method of doing the work, and very able men debated the question pro and con. For years the people were much divided on the method of doing mission work, but at the present time, doing the work through the convention prevails largely.

The next record of missionary work was the appointment of Rev.

Solomon Younce as Associational missionary in 1895, with directions to preach in destitute places and be helpful to the cause of Christ in any way possible. Later Rev. C. S. Farthing did the same type of work and made himself useful in many ways and places.

In the earliest days of the Association, the people did not have much money. While they were liberal in many respects with what they had, the first time that the minutes of the Association gives note of systematic giving was in 1903, while in session at Zion Hill Church and at which time the Association urged the churches to take an offering for some object sponsored by the Church each month. Almost all of the churches at the present time have some system by which they finance their churches.

The Association appointed Rev. Nathan Greene as Associational missionary at Oak Grove in 1938, and he is doing a good piece of work.

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EDUCATION

The Association as early as 1856 took the subject of Education seriously. It urged the members of the churches to educate their children and to look forward to a time when they could establish a Baptist school in the territory of the Association. This agitation went on from year until 1874, when a movement was started to build the Three Fork High School. From year to year the subject was brought up, but not much progress was made. Eventually a building was started in Boone, and was not completed for a long time. Finally the Association agreed to give the building and grounds to the town if it would establish its own school. The property was finally disposed of in 1899 to the Watauga Academy. This building stood on the grounds near the Demonstration School building. The Baptists gave some money but made their principal contributions in labor and material. The Association from time to time endorsed Baptist institutions of higher learning, and urged the young men and young women to attend. At no time have the leaders in this Association discounted the value of the college to the Church.

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TEMPERANCE

The Association in its session at Mulberry Church in 1883, passed a resolution against the Church members who made liquor. Of course, before this date, there were churches that were strong believers in the temperance movement. In other words, they were against the making, selling, and using of strong drink. From that date on, at each session of the Association, there has been a report on this phase of the work. Leaders of our Association have always opposed the

liquor traffic in any form. From time to time they have urged the preachers and the ministers, teachers, and members of the various churches to fight the traffic with all their might. Today there is a strong sentiment throughout the territory covered by the Association against the use of alcoholic drink in any form. The people today are indebted to the good Baptist people for the firm stand that they took on the question years ago. Many of them had to undergo strong persecution that this might be brought about.

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ORPHANAGE

The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville has always been a favorite child of the Three Forks Association. Elder W. B. Clement of Chowan was the first man who ever visited the Association in the interest of the Orphanage. This was in 1885. The Association commended the first issues of *Charity and Children* to its churches in the year 1887. The beloved J. H. Mills visited the Association at Boone in 1888, in the interest of his beloved orphanage. At every session of the Association some friend has always spoken a good word of the Mills Home. Dr. M. L. Kesler, in 1909, delivered a notable address at Howard's Creek Church. In 1932, the trustees of Mills Home called one of our members to be the superintendent of the orphanage, Brother I. G. Greer. During the last few years the Association has had a canning project, and without an exception every church has taken part. Almost every church and Sunday School makes special offerings for this fine institution. Many Sunday Schools have a monthly offering. Some one said not long ago that he thanked the Lord that this is one thing upon which all churches are agreed.

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SPECIAL PRAYER

In 1843, at Roan's Creek Church, now Mountain City, Tennessee, the Association set apart Saturday before the third Sunday in October for a special day of prayer, and the object of this special prayer is:

Pray for the prosperity of Zion and for the extension of God's kingdom.

During the trying days of the Civil War, the Association would always call the churches together for a special prayer for their country, and again during the first World War, the Association had special meetings for prayer.

Another custom prevalent among the churches in the early days was the plurality of the pastors. Many churches had two or more pastors. Bethel Church, in which there were several ministers, pass-

ed a resolution making all the preachers in their church pastors. The congregation asked that one of them always be present every month to fill the pulpit. At one time this church reported three pastors. Cove Creek, Union and Antioch at one time had two pastors.

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The W. M. U. of the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1888 at Richmond, Va. The following statistics show the accomplishments of fifty years' work—38,597 societies with a membership of 115,402 and contributions of \$55,847,657.31. Boxes have been sent to Missionaries, Hospitals and Orphanages valued at \$2,196,940.36.

Miss Blanche Barris, Corresponding Secretary of the W. M. U. of North Carolina came to our Association in 1912, which was being held at South Fork Church and presented the plan of work of the W. M. U. as outlined by the pioneer women of 1888. This meeting was presided over by Mrs. J. G. Pulliam of Boone. After discussion by several women, it was decided that the time had come for such an organization in our Association. Mrs. B. J. Council was appointed President and Miss Rosedna Brown Vice-President for the coming year.

In 1913 the Association convened at Cove Creek and the women assembled in the school house to consider the adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws. This meeting was presided over by Miss Rosedna Brown of Blowing Rock. After reading the constitution and discussing the plan of work the constitution was adopted and officers elected for the coming year. The meeting then adjourned to meet at the next session of the Association.

Following the Association three churches organized Woman's Missionary Societies: Boone, Blowing Rock and Cove Creek. Boone and Blowing Rock also organized Sunbeam Bands with a total enrollment of 116.

In the summer of 1914 the Union met in the Boone Baptist Church in a celebration of the Judson Centennial, this being the first public meeting of the women.

In August, 1914, the first Annual Meeting of the Union was held in the grove at Meat Camp Church, during the session of the Association, with an interesting program.

At the meeting of the Association at Zionville in 1915 no time was given for the women, so the program was omitted. It was decided at this meeting that the women would hold their meetings **separate** and apart from the meetings of the Associations and this plan has been

followed since.

By 1917 there were four churches with organized societies: Boone, Blowing Rock, Cove Creek and Forest Grove.

In 1918 the Union began the support of two Bible Women in China, which meant an increase in offerings of \$100.00 for the next year.

In 1919 the Seventy-Five Million Campaign was launched. Gifts to Missions were increased to three times the former amount that year and were always larger afterwards.

By 1921 there were eleven organizations with 181 members. This year the women began putting special emphasis on Bible and Mission Study and Personal Service.

In 1939 there were 17 organizations with a total enrollment of 432. All during the years some societies have been lost and some gained but the Union has always gone forward. The following churches have at some time had one or more W. M. U. organizations: Boone, Blowing Rock, Cove Creek, Forest Grove, Bethel, South Fork, Beaver Dam, Timbered Ridge, Zionville, Bethany, Mount Calvary, Pleasant Grove, Meat Camp, Stony Fork, Willowdale, Poplar Grove, Willow Valley, Shulls Mills, Zion Hill, and Deep Gap.

A significant step of the W. M. U. was the beginning of a library in 1930 located in Boone Baptist Church and known as the D. D. Dougherty Memorial Library. This library was used to stimulate the study of missions in the Association. Mrs. W. C. Greer was the first librarian and served until 1940 when Mrs. Floy Mast was elected. There are now about 500 books suitable for all ages.

The chief aims of the W. M. U. are: Bible and Mission Study, Personal Service, Enlistment Stewardship, Prayer and Gifts. These aims have been faithfully carried out by the women of our organization. The young people are also doing their part to make it a wide-awake Union. Besides the gifts to missions and boxes to missionaries, hospitals and orphanages, the women have done much work in their own churches, communities and Association, always taking their share of the work in labor and gifts.

The total contributions of the W. M. U. organizations to missions the first year were \$188.61. In 1939 the total was \$624.14.

During the 27 years since its organization the Union has given to all kingdom purposes a total of \$15,736.56.

The following women have ably served our Union as president: Mrs. J. G. Pulliam, Miss Rosedna Brown, Mrs. D. F. Horton, Mrs. W. W. Wilson, Mrs. G. P. Hagaman, Mrs. I. G. Greer, Mrs. J. L. Qualls and Mrs. D. P. Coffey. Mrs. D. F. Horton has attended all meeting of the organization with one exception.

During the years it has been the will of the Lord to call some of our members to be with Him a list of whom follows: Miss Bessie Johnson, Mrs. Richard Gragg, Mrs. Mollie Bradley, Miss Bessie Wilson, Mrs. Calvin Cottrell, Mrs. Blanche Hagaman, Mrs. Jane Swift, Mrs. Lizzie Hagaman, Mrs. Pearl Wilson, Mrs. G. P. Hagaman, Mrs. Charlotte Williams, Mrs. John McBride, Mrs. Alice Greer, Mrs. Mae Johnson, Mrs. Nan Johnson, Mrs. Lou Ellen Penley, Mrs. Jane Benfield, Mrs. Susan Moody, Mrs. W. Y. Perry, Mrs. John W. Hodges, Mrs. Mary Perkins, Mrs. Lawrence Moody, Mrs. Clyde R. Greene, Mrs. J. M. Hodges, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Lucinda Mast, Mrs. Julia Lewis, Mrs. Roby Coffey, Mrs. Willard Presnell, Mrs. Louvenia Miller.

Our Union has always cooperated with the State and Southern Baptist Conventions in all programs launched. We are grateful for this privilege of serving our Master for as our watchword says, "We are laborers together with God."

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

The Baptist Training Union, which now has departments for Adults, Young People, Intermediates, Juniors, and Story Hour, was formerly for young people and was known as B. Y. P. U.

The pioneering of B. Y. P. U. work in Three Forks Association was begun by two churches. Boone having the first B. Y. P. U. organized in 1916 while M. A. Adams was pastor; and Forest Grove soon following with their local people organizing in 1918.

The first mention in the Associational minutes concerning B. Y. P. U. was in 1919. R. D. Cross in his report on State Missions briefly mentioned the purpose of B. Y. P. U. Then in 1921 F. M. Huggins, reporting on State Missions suggested that the churches should encourage organizations of B. Y. P. U. for training and development of young people. In that same session of the Association just before adjournment, on motion of F. M. Huggins, the Moderator

appointed a committee on B. Y. P. U. work for next session. The first regular report was given in 1922, and reports have been given regularly in the Associational meetings since that time. Boone and Bethel churches reported Senior B. Y. P. U.'s in 1922.

Notable in the early history of B. Y. P. U. work was the year 1923 when six churches—Bethel, Boone, Pleasant Grove, Timbered Ridge, Stony Fork, Blowing Rock—reported eight unions with total enrollment of 269. In 1925 Cove Creek, South Fork, Willowdale, and Zionville were added to the list of those having B. Y. P. U.'s; Mount Calvary in 1926, Three Forks in 1930, Beaver Dam in 1931, Poplar Grove and Bushy Fork in 1935, Forest Grove and Union in 1936, Oak Grove in 1938, and Bethany in 1939.

A step forward was taken when in 1928 an Associational B. Y. P. U. Director was appointed. Those having served in this capacity being Clyde R. Greene, S. C. Eggers, Miss Maude Greene, Mrs. James B. Mast, Rex. Hagaman, Philip D. Fletcher, Ralph Hagaman, and Herman Wilcox. During the three years in which S. C. Eggers worked as B. Y. P. U. director much progress was made through special programs being given, annual meetings held and organization with churches divided into four groups for more effective work. The years 1935, '36, and '37 show rapid progress in Baptist Training Union work under the direction of Philip D. Fletcher with new unions, more Study Courses and a more complete organization. The fifth Sunday in March, 1936, marked a great experience in the lives of many young people, who went to different churches, delivering messages out of their own hearts and conducting three District Meetings that same afternoon. Another hilltop experience was in 1937—thirty-five young people attended one Regional meeting where all took part in a B. T. U. Meeting demonstration.

The Baptist Training Union has grown year by year. In 1939 eight churches reported 26 unions with enrollment of 507. Commendable in the work of Training Unions are the reports on daily Bible reading, Study courses, and systematic giving. Many whose names have not been mentioned have earnestly endeavored in Training Unions in their own churches and in Associational work—thereby doing their part in the great work—Training in Service.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The first Sunday Schools in churches that formed a part of this Association were very crude affairs. For those who could read, the textbook was the New Testament; for those that could not read, it was the Blue Back Speller. The object was to teach people who were not able, to read. They would take a chapter each Sunday and would read a verse each. Then the custom was to argue out the points that they did not understand. Another custom was that the student was to select a certain letter beginning with the first in the alphabet, and then they would select the next Sunday and many times have 50 verses or more.

A little later the people began to see what the Sunday School meant. Perhaps this was the year, about 1872, that the Association first mentions it. In the session of 1883, the Association recommends lesson helps. The first picture lessons that were used in the Sunday School for children aroused critical comment. One member, it is reported that when his child brought his pictured lesson home, said with strong language, "Who in the world wants to know anything about old Jeroboam?"

From that time on, the Sunday Schools have been a very important part of the church work. In 1884, we had our first Sunday School tables in the minutes of the Association. When the Association met at Flat Rock in 1882, eighteen out of twenty-five churches reported Sunday Schools, and Boone was the evergreen. The report made in 1890 boasts nineteen churches out of twenty-seven having Sunday Schools at some time during the year. Until recent years many of the Sunday Schools at sometime went into winter quarters, and then they would reorganize when the weather became favorable in the spring of the year. At that time some of the churches thought nothing of disbanding for the winter. As late as 1911, only half of the churches are reported as evergreen.

Early in the present century, Dr. Hight C. Moore held the first Sunday School Institute at Cove Creek Church. Later Brother E. L. Middleton came as a worker in this Association and held institute that lasted over the week-end. From time to time, some of the local workers would hold institute for workers with one or more churches of some three or four days in length. Under the leadership of Roy Dotson and S. C. Eggers the Sunday School Board has con-

ducted several Association-wide revivals. Every church that wanted a worker could have one for a week that would instruct them how to organize a Sunday School; how to increase attendance; and how to train the teachers and officers.

READING

From the beginning the Three Forks Association encouraged its members to read good literature. At first the minister made an effort to place Bibles in as many homes as possible. The first organized effort to supply the people with an approved list of good books was made in 1895. W. S. Farthing was appointed as Colporter in that year; in 1896, Brother A. Rotan, of Zionville, was appointed for a period of two years. He traveled over the Association selling books and encouraging the people to read better literature. In 1898, Elder David Greene served for a year. Elder W. S. King served from 1899 to 1901. For a number of years Brother L. R. Jones, a member of Beaver Dam Church, traveled over the Association and sold a large number of good books. Later Elder J. J. L. Sherwood served in the same capacity. This Colporter service was continued from Brother Sherwood's day by a number of Brethren. A. J. Greene, Ed Robbins, Roy Dotson, and R. C. Eggers. About the year 1930, the Association decided to close out this part of the work, as the people had access to good books. The small sum that had been held intact during all these years was disposed of. For the past ten years, the Association has sponsored no Colporter work.

Of recent years the Woman's Missionary Society has established a library, with headquarters in Boone Baptist Church, of about 500 volumes of choice books that any person in the Association may have access to. The union named it in honor of the late Prof. D. D. Dougherty, who was a great lover of good books.

The three Forks Association has had three historians up to the present time. The late J. C. Horton served from 1898 until 1916. At that time, Smith Hagaman was appointed and served until 1924; then the present historian was elected and is serving yet. Perhaps if it had not been for the data that Brother Horton collected, the connecting link between the present Association and the true source from whence it came would have been lost.

The governing body of the Association is lodged in an executive committee which functions on all questions when the Association is not in session. The first committee of this kind was appointed in the year 1895. On this body, some of the ablest laymen, as well as ministers, have served. In fact, the executive committee makes out the program for the Association, and makes recommendations for what program shall be sponsored for the incoming year.

In this Association it seems to have been a custom to extend the annual call to a pastor. In 1898, some of the far-seeing men caused the Association to recommend an indefinite call. Only a few churches have heeded the advice, and the majority still have what is known as the annual call.

At the organization of the Association, the date for the annual meeting was set for Friday before the fourth Sunday in August. In 1858, the date was changed to Friday before the first Sunday in September. In 1885, the date was changed to Tuesday after the second Sunday in September. The reason for the change was that they have three days for deliberation instead of two, as formerly the third day was devoted to preaching. In 1898, the date was again changed to the Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August, which is the date that we have. In 1923, a change of one year was made to Tuesday after the second Sunday in August, but the majority of the churches wanted to go back to the old date. Since 1927, the sessions have been two days in length.

From the record these facts are evident:

1. That the Association has been truly missionary;
2. That it has encouraged education;
3. That it has sponsored benevolence.
4. That it has fostered Sunday School and training agencies;
5. That it has fought the liquor traffic bravely; and
6. That it has always respected the independence of the churches.

HISTORICAL TABLE

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THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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With Place of Meeting and Names of Moderator, Clerk and Preacher

Yr.	CHURCH	MODERATOR	CLERK	PREACHER
1841	Three Forks	Isaiah Wilcoxon	Richard Gentry	
1842	Beaver Creek	Isaiah Wilcoxon	Richard Gentry	B. McBride
1843	Roans Creek	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	Richard Gentry
1844	South Fork	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	B. McBride
1845	Three Forks	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	R. P. Farthing
1846	Roans Creek	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	Richard Gentry
1847	Ebenezer	B. McBride	John Cook	Jos. Harrison
1848	Three Forks	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	B. McBride
1849	North Fork	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	Richard Gentry
1850	Gap Creek	B. McBride	Richard Gentry	B. McBride
1851	Pine Grove	B. McBride	John Cook	Jos. Harrison
1852	Cove Creek	B. McBride	John Cook	L. Hodges
1853	Horse Creek	B. McBride	John Cook	J. A. Farthing
1854	Old Fields	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	I. Farmer
1855	Roans Creek	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	A. C. Farthing
1856	Antioch	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	L. Hodges
1857	Meat Camp	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	J. A. Farthing
1858	South Fork	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	John Cook
1859	Three Forks	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	Jos. Harrison
1860	Bethel	J. A. Farthing	John Cook	Wm. Wilcoxon
1861	Three Forks	J. A. Farthing	Rufus Moore	D. C. Harman
1862	Gap Creek	J. A. Farthing	Rufus Moore	A. C. Farthing
1863	Ebenezer	J. A. Farthing	Rufus Moore	J. A. Farthing
1864	Cove Creek	J. A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	R. P. Farthing
1865	Mulberry	J. A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	S. J. Farthing
1866	Meat Camp	J. A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	A. C. Farthing
1867	Brushy Fork	J. A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	D. C. Harman
1868	Globe	J. A. Farthing	Hiram McBride	L. L. Maples
1869	Bethel	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman.	Jobe Moore
1870	Three Forks	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman.	D. C. Harman
1871	Yadkin	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman.	R. P. Farthing
1872	Antioch	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman.	A. C. Farthing
1873	Meat Camp	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman.	T. F. Nelson
1874	Mulberry	J. A. Farthing	D. C. Harman.	A. C. Farthing
1875	Mount Zion	D. C. Harman	L. L. Greene	D. C. Harman
1876	Mount Pleasant	D. C. Harman	L. L. Greene	J. M. Hall
1877	Globe	D. C. Harman	L. L. Greene	J. A. Farthing
1878	Cove Creek	A. C. Farthing	Hiram McBride	W. D. Brown
1879	South Fork	A. C. Farthing	Hiram McBride	Asa Brown
1880	Pisgah	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman.	D. C. Harman
1881	Brushy Fork	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman.	E. F. Jones
1882	Flat Top	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman.	D. C. Harman
1883	Mulberry	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman.	A. C. Farthing
1884	Bethel	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman.	E. F. Jones
1885	Three Forks	A. C. Farthing	D. C. Harman.	J. J. L. Sherwood
1886	Laurel Springs	A. C. Farthing	J. J. T. Reese.	I. W. Thomas
1887	Beaver Dam	A. C. Farthing	J. J. T. Reese.	J. M. Harman
1888	Boone	A. C. Farthing	J. J. T. Reese.	J. H. Farthing
1889	Mount Zion	A. C. Farthing	Jacob Younce	Davis Greene
1890	Three Forks	A. C. Farthing	Jacob Younce	Dr. C. E. Taylor

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Yr.	CHURCH	MODERATOR	CLERK	PREACHER
1891	Mount Gilead ...	A. C. Farthing ...	Jacob Younce ..	J. J. L. Sherwood
1892	Meat Camp	W. S. Farthing ..	Jacob Younce ..	J. F. Davis
1893	Antioch	W. S. Farthing ..	Jacob Younce ..	J. H. Farthing
1894	Gap Creek	J. F. Spainhour ..	Jacob Younce ..	Dr. C. Durham
1895	Cove Creek	W. S. Farthing ..	Jacob Younce ..	L. A. Wilson
1896	South Fork	W. S. Farthing ..	Jacob Younce ..	J. E. White
1897	Brushy Fork	W. S. Farthing ..	Smith Hagaman	J. H. Farthing
1898	Cool Springs	W. S. Farthing ..	Smith Hagaman	David Greene
1899	Beech Mountain ..	W. S. Farthing ..	Smith Hagaman	L. C. Wilson
1900	Laurel Springs ..	J. A. Farthing ..	Smith Hagaman	I. C. Wilson
1901	Bethel	W. S. Farthing ..	Smith Hagaman	J. M. Payne
1902	Flat Top	W. S. Farthing ..	Smith Hagaman	D. C. Harman
1903	Zion Hill	W. S. Farthing ..	Smith Hagaman	Sol Younce
1904	Elk Valley	W. S. Farthing ..	Smith Hagaman	J. F. Eller
1905	Pleasant Grove ..	W. S. Farthing ..	Smith Hagaman	C. S. Farthing
1906	Shulls Mills	W. S. Farthing ..	Smith Hagaman	David Greene
1907	Boone	W. S. Farthing ..	Smith Hagaman	C. S. Farthing
1908	Forest Grove	W. S. Farthing ..	Smith Hagaman	J. M. Payne
1909	Howard Creek	W. S. Farthing ..	Smith Hagaman	D. A. Greene
1910	Beaver Dam	W. S. Farthing ..	Smith Hagaman	J. M. Payne
1911	Mount Calvary ..	W. S. Farthing ..	Smith Hagaman	G. W. Trivett
1912	South Fork	J. J. L. Sherwood.	Smith Hagaman	J. J. L. Sherwood
1913	Cove Creek	J. J. L. Sherwood.	Smith Hagaman	J. F. Eller
1914	Meat Camp	J. J. L. Sherwood.	Smith Hagaman	J. M. Payne
1915	Zionville	J. J. L. Sherwood.	W. Y. Perry ..	L. A. Wilson
1916	Stony Fork	J. J. L. Sherwood.	W. Y. Perry ..	J. F. Eller
1917	Antioch	J. J. L. Sherwood.	W. Y. Perry ..	L. C. Wilson
1918	Bethel	Smith Hagaman	W. Y. Perry ..	W. Swift
1919	Union	Smith Hagaman	W. Y. Perry ..	R. C. Eggers
1920	Gap Creek	Smith Hagaman	W. Y. Perry ..	R. C. Eggers
1921	Brushy Fork	Smith Hagaman	W. Y. Perry ..	F. M. Huggins
1922	Timbered Ridge ..	Smith Hagaman	W. Y. Perry ..	L. C. Wilson
1923	Laurel Springs ..	Smith Hagaman	W. Y. Perry ..	R. C. Eggers
1924	Pleasant Grove ..	Smith Hagaman	W. Y. Perry ..	Roy Dotson
1925	Three Forks	Smith Hagaman	W. Y. Perry ..	F. M. Huggins
1926	South Fork	Smith Hagaman	W. Y. Perry ..	E. J. Farthing
1927	Zion Hill	Smith Hagaman	W. Y. Perry ..	Braxton Craig
1928	Middle Fork	I. G. Greer	W. Y. Perry ..	L. A. Hurst
1929	Shulls Mills	I. G. Greer	W. Y. Perry ..	P. A. Hicks
1930	Mount Lebanon ..	I. G. Greer	W. Y. Perry ..	A. J. Greene
1931	Meat Camp	I. G. Greer	W. Y. Perry ..	Roy Dotson
1932	Bethany	I. G. Greer	W. Y. Perry ..	J. A. McKaughan
1933	South Fork	W. D. Farthing ..	W. Y. Perry ..	W. D. Ashley
1934	Beaver Dam	W. D. Farthing ..	Dean Swift	A. J. Greene
1935	Brushy Fork	W. D. Farthing ..	Clyde R. Greene	W. R. Davis
1936	Zionville	R. C. Eggers	Clyde R. Greene	J. C. Canipe
1937	Howards Creek ..	R. C. Eggers	Clyde R. Greene	W. C. Payne
1938	Oak Grove	R. C. Eggers	Clyde R. Greene	Philip Fletcher
1939	Cove Creek	R. C. Eggers	Clyde R. Greene	D. M. Edmisten
1940	Three Forks	R. C. Eggers	Clyde R. Greene	G. A. Hamby

MODERATORS



Reading left to right, back row: I. G. Greer, Moderator for five years 1928-32; Smith Hagaman, Moderator for ten years 1918-27, Clerk for 18 years 1897-1914; W. D. Farthing, Moderator for three years 1933-35; first row; Rev. R. C. Eggers, Moderator for four years 1936-40, and S. C. Eggers, who was elected Moderator at the 1940 Session.

During the Association's one hundred years thirteen men have served as Moderator, the above five being all who are now living. I. G. Greer is now General Superintendent of the North Carolina Baptist Orphanage and his residence is at Thomasville, N. C. Smith Hagaman is Superintendent of the Baptist Hospital and lives at Winston-Salem, N. C. W. D. Farthing is Cashier of the Boone branch of the Northwestern Bank and resides at Boone, N. C. Rev. R. C. Eggers is an active pastor in the Three Forks and the Stony Fork Associations and lives in Zionville, N. C. S. C. Eggers is in the real estate business and resides at Boone, N. C. Only two men have served the Association as both Moderator and Clerk: D. C. Harman and Smith Hagaman. Twelve clerks have served the association, two of whom are now living, Smith Hagaman and Clyde R. Greene.

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ANTIOCH

Antioch Baptist Church was constituted in 1849 in a log school house which stood on the right bank of Watauga River, near where

J. L. Glenn now lives. According to the records of Cove Creek Church a group of brethren and sisters in the Hix settlement on Watauga River petitioned that church for permission to organize a new church on July 21, 1849. This petition was granted and Antioch Church was organized on August 18, 1849, with the following charter members: Maldron C. Harman, D. C. Harman, Rhoda Harman, Duke Ward, Lucy Ward, James Presnell, Susan Presnell, Ann Hatly, Leason Mast, Sally Mast, and Heatly Dugger. Tradition has it that there were twelve charter members and some of the older members think the twelfth member was Heatly Dugger's wife. This cannot be verified because the early records of the church are lost.

J. A. Farthing was probably the first pastor, since the records of Cove Creek Baptist Church state that on June 15, 1850, Antioch Church requested Cove Creek to consider ordaining J. A. Farthing to preach the gospel because they (Antioch) needed his services, which request was complied with. D. C. Harman, who was probably the next pastor, and J. A. Farthing served the church for a number of years, but the order in which they served is not known. There are members now living who remember the pastorates of these two ministers, who both served as Moderator of the Three Forks Association. A. C. Farthing was the next pastor but he served only a few months. The other pastors have been J. M. Harman, J. H. Farthing, J. J. L. Sherwood, G. W. Trivett, Uriah Farthing, Wellington Swift and W. C. Payne, the present pastor.

It is thought that D. C. Harman was the first clerk, followed by Joel W. Dyer, who was clerk for many years. Remainder of clerks are as follows: E. G. Harman, Dr. J. B. Phillips, J. C. Greer, W. D. Farthing, John Ward, W. J. Farthing, G. H. Rowe, D. M. Edmisten, Charles Tester, L. W. Ward, and Dwight Cable, the present clerk.

Joel W. Dyer and E. G. Harman are thought to have been ordained as deacons early in the history of the church. L. W. Farthing E. M. Greer and L. D. Ward were the first deacons whose names are on record. W. H. Glenn, W. J. Farthing, John Ward and L. E. Moody followed as deacons. The present board of deacons are: W. J. Farthing, John Ward, R. F. Billings, Chas. Tester, W. D. Harman, M. L. Shepherd and Dwight Cable.

Early in the history of the church the following men were ordained to the ministry: D. C. Harman, J. M. Presnell, A. J. Harman and probably E. G. Harman. In addition to these the following members have been ordained: J. M. Harman in 1885, L. W. Farthing in 1916, W. H. Glenn in 1920. Of these W. H. Glenn is the only one now living.

At first the church met in a log house on the right bank of the Watauga River, but a framed house was erected at an early date on

the left bank of the river about 100 yards above the R. P. Farthing homestead. The church worshipped in this house until 1887, when a larger house was erected one-half mile up the river on L. W. Farthing's land. This house was used until it was washed away on May 22, 1901.

On June 1, after the freshet, the church held its first meeting under a large apple tree which still stands near the old site. At this meeting plans for building a new house were discussed, and the following building committee was appointed: W. J. Farthing, J. L. Glenn, Parks Johnson, R. L. Greer, John Ward and Amos Phillips. The church met in the local school house until the new building was ready. The building committee was also directed to secure a new site for the church. L. W. Farthing purchased a lot from Bishop Horner, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, for \$25.00, and the deed was made to John Ward, Clerk of Antioch Baptist Church and his successors in office.

In order to accept a contract for building the church, W. J. Farthing resigned from the building committee and J. C. Baird was appointed in his place. The new house was completed in 1903 and is still in use.

A. J. Harman was the first minister to preach in the new house. E. M. Greer was the first treasurer elected by the church, and held this office until his death, Jan. 16, 1927. J. L. Glenn was elected to succeed him. Edwin L. Glenn is the present treasurer.

Antioch joined the Three Forks Baptist Association soon after the church was constituted. The Association has met with Antioch four times: 1856, 1872, 1893, and 1917.

A Sunday School was organized by the church at an early date. E. G. Harman was one of the first, if not the first, superintendent. He lived about four miles from the church, but it is said he seldom missed a Sunday. For a good many years the Sunday School was kept open only during the warm months, but for years it has been run all the year. The present membership of the church is 202.

BEAVER DAM BAPTIST CHURCH



BEAVER DAM CHURCH

Beaver Dam Baptist Church was constituted by J. A. Farthing and D. B. Brown, Nov. 7, 1874, with 23 charter members; 11 from Bethel, 8 from Cove Creek, and 4 from Mt. Zion (Zionville), in a log school house which stood just below the present church.

Two pastors, J. A. Farthing and D. B. Brown, were elected, who served four years. We have had thirteen other pastors, as follows: A. C. Farthing, J. C. Johnson, J. H. Farthing, David Greene, John F. Eller, E. F. Jones, L. A. Wilson, W. Swift, G. W. Trivett, R. C. Eggers, G. W. Sebastian, E. C. Hodges and W. D. Ashley, our present pastor, who has been chosen twice unanimously by private ballot.

Hugh Hagaman was elected the first clerk. G. P. Sherrill, John Hagaman and J. C. Hagaman were the first deacons.

G. P. Sherrill, John Hagaman and Hugh Hagaman were the first delegates sent to the Association. The Association has met three times with this church: 1887, 1910, and 1934.

Saturday, December 13, 1874, Sarah L. Dougherty, now Perry, was the first member to join by experience.

Jacob G. Hagaman was ordained to the ministry June 10, 1880, J. C. Johnson, Jan. 13, 1883, and Wagner A. Reese, July 3, 1920.

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BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Bethany Baptist Church was organized June 11, 1893, in a school house near the present church, by Jacob Younce, John Crisp,

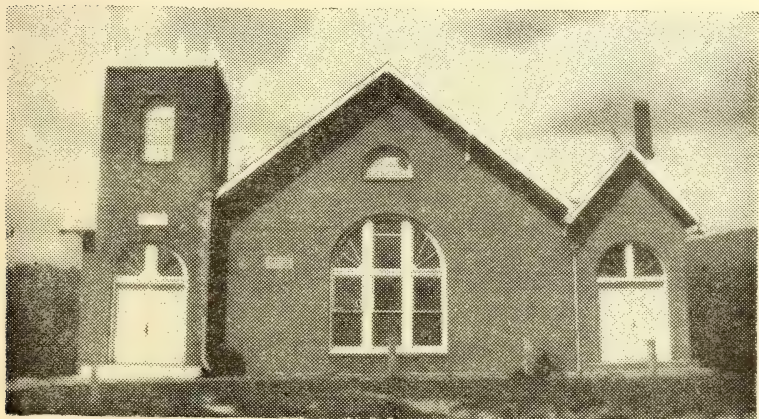
I. J. McGinnis and A. J. Harman, with 7 charter members as follows: Wm Farthing, John Walker, Mary Walker, Alice Baird, Nancy Mitchell, Miles Benfield and Ida Benfield. At the same meeting the church was named and the articles of faith were adopted.

On July 15, 1893, the first pastor, A. J. Harman, and the first clerk, W. J. Farthing, were elected. W. J. Farthing and M. J. Benfield were ordained as the first deacons on August 19, 1893.

The church met in the Cool Springs School House until the close of the year 1893, when the present church building was completed. During the 47 years of its existence the church has had only eight pastors: A. J. Harman, I. J. McGinnis, S. C. Farthing, L. C. Wilson, G. W. Trivette, J. F. Eller, F. C. Watts and W. C. Payne. The present board of deacons is composed of L. J. Michael, James Michael and L. J. Triplett.

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BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH



Bethel Baptist Church, located in Beaver Dam Township, Watauga County, was constituted July 4, 1851. There were ten charter members, all from Cove Creek Church. The presbytery was composed of J. A. Farthing, Jacob Greene and R. P. Farthing.

The church did not elect a pastor but requested Elders Jacob Greene, R. P. Farthing, J. A. Farthing and B. McBride to attend and preach for them. A resolution was adopted in September, 1852, by which the church agreed not to choose any one of the ministers in their membership to the care of the church to the exclusion of the rest, but that they look to their ministers to so arrange their appointments that they would always have at least one of them at their church meeting. This arrangement was continued for years.

Bethel Church has been served by the following pastors: R. P. Farthing, J. A. Farthing, A. C. Farthing, S. J. Farthing, D. B. Brown, J. H. Farthing, J. F. Eller, W. Swift, L. A. Wilson, Uriah Farthing, W. O. Gordon, L. A. Hurst, J. A. McKaughan, Tipton Greene and W. D. Ashley, the present pastor.

S. J. Farthing, W. Y. Farthing, Paul Farthing, Adam Greene, Thomas B. Farthing, H. H. Farthing, W. S. Farthing, W. R. Vines, Ivan Farthing and Bert Farthing have served the church as clerks.

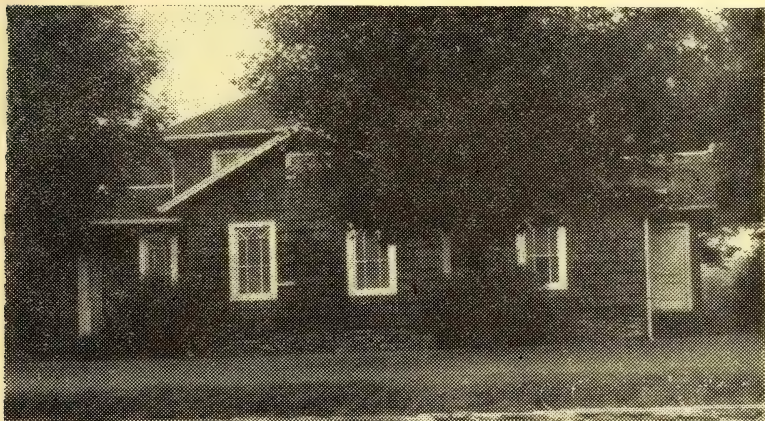
The men who have served as deacons are: Nelson Adams, W. B. Farthing, Isaac Story, Commodore Perry, John Gryder, L. W. Farthing, W. S. Farthing, J. W. Greene, C. S. Farthing, J. L. Gryder, E. J. Farthing, B. F. Greene, Carl Farthing, C. J. Farthing, W. W. Wilson and Bert Farthing.

The following ministers have been ordained by Bethel Church: A. C. Farthing, S. J. Farthing, J. H. Farthing, C. S. Farthing, L. C. Wilson and E. J. Farthing.

The treasurers of the church have been as follows: W. B. Farthing, Nelson Adams, Isaac Story, Commodore Perry, L. W. Farthing, E. J. Farthing, Clyde Perry and W. W. Wilson. The present membership is 300.

Bethel church stands as a monument to the memory of those pioneer souls who labored so faithfully during the early history of Watauga County, and to the memory of those who later took up the burden and were so consecrated in their services to the Master.

BLOWING ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH



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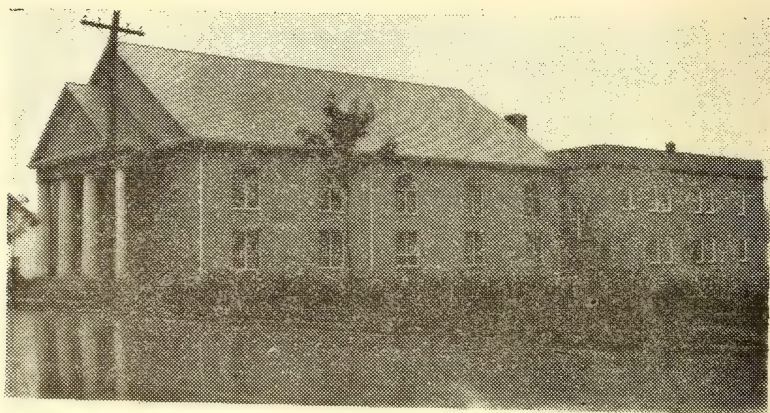
The Blowing Rock Baptist Church was organized in the school house, July 11, 1903. Elders J. J. L. Sherwood and J. M. Payne assisted I. W. Thomas in organizing, with the following charter members: Mrs. Artie Peoples, Mrs. Emma Greene, Mrs. Jane Benfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hodges, Mrs. Exie Lentz, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Greene, Mrs. John Edmisten, Mr. J. A. Edmisten, and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brown.

This first church was built in 1903. A new church was built in 1924. It consists of seven Sunday School rooms and an auditorium, at a cost of \$17,000.

The following pastors have served the church:

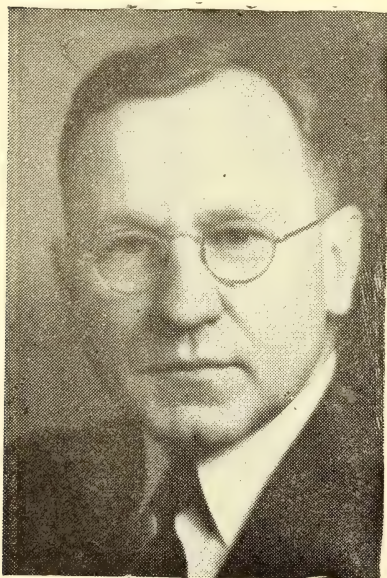
I. W. Thomas	1903-1906	P. A. Hicks	1929-1933
J. F. Davis	1906-1909	W. D. Ashley	1933-1934
J. M. Payne	1910-1915	W. R. Davis	1934-1936
M. A. Adams	1917-1918	Phillip Fletcher . . .	1936-1938
R. D. Cress	1918-1919	J. H. Crisp	1939-1940
M. A. Huggins . . .	1920-1928		

BOONE BAPTIST CHURCH



BOONE CHURCH

Boone Baptist Church was organized in 1871 with eleven charter members. It was organized in the Courthouse and elected as its



J. C. CANIPE

Pastor Boone Church since 1934

first pastor, Rev. Wm. M. Baldwin, a man of unusual native ability. They used the Courthouse as a place of worship until it was burned in 1873. After this the congregation worshipped in the Masonic Hall until the completion of the church building in 1875. This church was built largely through the efforts of G. H. Church, Associational Missionary, W. L. Bryan and W. C. Coffey. Mr. Bryan and Mr. Coffey were the main pillars of the church for many years.

During the sixty-nine years of its history, the following pastors have served the church: Wm. M. Baldwin, D. C. Harman, J. W. Hall, T. F. Nelson, I. W. Thomas, E. F. Jones, J. H. Yarboro, J. F. Davis, L. C. Wilson, J. J. L. Sherwood, J.

THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—APPENDIX

H. Farthing, J. M. Payne, M. A. Adams, R. D. Cross, F. M. Huggins, P. A. Hicks, and J. C. Canipe, the present pastor. In the first thirty years the losses and gains of the church were about equal, but the last thirty-nine years have witnessed a steady growth in membership. In 1901 the church reported to the Association 5 male and 11 female members; In 1929 it reported 416 members and in 1939, 625 members.

The rapid growth of the town, the coming of Appalachian State Teachers College, and the growth in membership made it necessary to erect a new building in 1916. This work was started under the efficient leadership of J. M. Payne, but he was suddenly called to his reward, and the church was completed in the spring of 1916, under the leadership of M. A. Adams. This building was dedicated, clear of debt, in 1923, during the pastorate of F. M. Huggins.

The past seventeen years have been years of growth and expansion. It was felt in 1928 that the building was too small and that we needed a larger building with better equipment. A new building program was started. The State Mission Board agreed to aid us in the erection of a modern church plant that would provide for the needs of the Baptist students here in college. The Sunday School plant of this building was started in early spring of 1929, under the leadership of P. A. Hicks, and the opening service was held in October of the same year. This is a graded departmental building with graded furniture to meet the needs of the pupils of every age.

Under the leadership of our present pastor, J. C. Canipe, a modern brick parsonage was erected in 1935, and was first occupied in January, 1936. The auditorium of our plant was erected during 1936-37, and was entered on the first Sunday in June, 1937. We now feel that we have as good a plant as any church of our size in the Southland.

At present we have a membership of 642; we have a standard Sunday School with eight departments and 91 teachers and officers. We have a Sunday School enrollment of 688, six graded B. Y. P. U.'s with a membership of about 150, a standard Woman's Missionary Society, a Y. W. A., two G. A.'s, an R. A., and a Sunbeam Band.

During the six years of the leadership of our present pastor, J. C. Canipe, the church has added a total of 137 by baptism and 176 by letter and otherwise to its membership. Truly the blessings of God have been upon us, and we can say with the servant of old, "The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

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BROOKSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

Brookside Baptist Church was organized Aug. 27, 1932 by a presbytery consisting of L. N. Keller, W. C. Greene, and Wm. Sto-

rie. Twenty-five people presented themselves as members. All were received either by baptism or by letter.

The church elected L. N. Keller pastor and Mrs. Orville Greer clerk. The church has had only two pastors, L. N. Keller and James Matney, the present pastor; and four clerks, Mrs. Orville Greer, Mrs. Robert Greer, Mrs. D. R. Ford and Mrs. Roby Penley, the present clerk. There are at present 32 members and an evergreen Sunday School.

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BRUSHY FORK BAPTIST CHURCH



BRUSHY FORK CHURCH

Brushy Fork Baptist Church was constituted on Feb. 26, 1858, by Joseph Harrison and D. C. Hatman in a small school house which was located about one mile southwest from the present building with the following eleven charter members: M. C. Harman, Moses Hatley, J. A. Hagaman, Sarah Reece, Susan Denner, Elvirah Holtzclaw, Elizabeth Hicks, Sally Hagaman, Melissa Harman, Sarah Hagaman and Sarah Munday.

The church was first called Philadelphia, but after three months was changed to Brushy Fork. The first church building was erected in 1859-60. The present building was erected in 1888-89. About ten years ago the house was charged about and five Sunday School rooms added. The first pastor, D. C. Harman, served for 24 years.

The following have also served as pastors: A. C. Farthing, E. F. Jones, J. J. L. Sherwood, E. M. Gragg, J. F. Davis, John Eller, Oney Triplett, David Greene, Sidney King, S. L. Fix, J. M. Payne, Edmond Greene, D. M. Wheeler, L. A. Wilson, G. W. Sebastian, R. C. Eggers, W. D. Ashley, J. C. Canipe, G. A. Hamby, and Grady Minton, present pastor.

The following have served as deacons: M. C. Harman, Wiley Holtzclaw, Alfred Hately, Frederick Danner, W. T. Hayes, J. R. Hagaman, Filmore Adams, David Fox, Grady Greene, S. F. Moody, L. F. Hodges, J. F. Hayes, Lee Gross, Gordon Hodges, David Love and Asa Greene. The church clerks have been as follows: J. H. Hagaman, H. D. Hagaman, W. W. Presnell, J. W. Holtzclaw, L. M. Trivett, J. H. Presnell, M. J. Williams.

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CLARKS CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Clarks Creek Baptist Church was organized in 1898. Carl Triplett is the present pastor and the membership is 46.

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COOL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

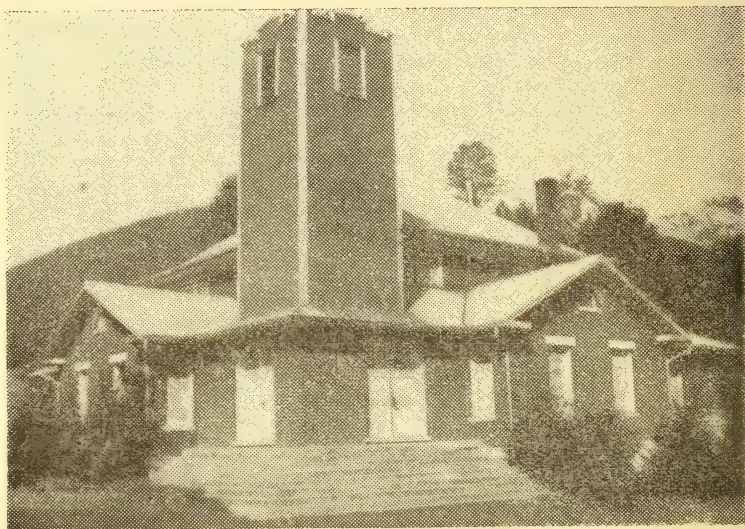
Cool Springs Baptist Church was organized July 30, 1887, by the following presbytery: John Crisp, I. J. McGinnis and R. K. Hartley, clerk, in a small school house. The charter members were: W. F. Knight, Martha Knight, J. M. Payne, Mrs. E. J. Payne, J. M. Hartley, Mrs. E. A. Hartley, T. M. Cannon, Louisa Cannon, J. C. Coffey, Mrs. M. E. Coffey, Emely Hartley.

They worshipped in the school house until 1889 when the first church building was erected where they worshipped until 1909 when the present building was erected.

The following pastors have served the church: I. J. McGinnis, J. F. Eller, J. M. Payne, Dean Crisp, C. S. Farthing, G. W. Trivett, I. C. Miller, E. C. Hodges, E. M. Bradshaw, W. C. Payne, T. T. Danner and Grady Minton, present pastor. J. M. Payne and W. C. Payne have been ordained by the church to the ministry.

J. M. Hartley, J. C. Coffey, J. E. Greene, Anderson Greene, J. W. Pennell, Rufus Triplett, J. M. Elrod, T. L. C. Hartley, J. M. Pearson, C. M. Shore, W. C. Payne, F. H. Pennell, A. M. Triplett, W. W. Austin, L. C. Rogers, D. W. Mitchell, and Kenneth Payne are now serving or have served as deacons. Clerks have served as follows: T. M. Cannon, T. L. C. Hartley, A. P. Bolic, J. C. Hartley, C. C. Winkler, A. C. Payne, H. H. Day, R. K. Hartley, Q. B. Cannon, D. W. Mitchell, L. C. Rogers, and E. E. Carlton, the present clerk.

COVE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH



COVE CREEK CHURCH

Cove Creek Baptist Church is the second oldest church established west of the Blue Ridge, having been constituted from the Three Forks Baptist Church early in 1799. Since that time the church has undergone five complete stages of metamorphosis, evolving from the first little log structure with its small windows to the present well-equipped brick building with its pastor's home. This early log structure was located where the cheese factory now stands at Sugar Grove.

It seems probable from the minutes that prior to the formal constitution of the church in 1799 and the erection of its first building, that religious services were held in the homes of its charter members. From 1799 to about 1870 it was the custom of the church to have as many as three pastors at the same time who were called to serve the church as often as they could without remuneration. The first pastors seem to have been Samuel Vanderpool, Samuel Pittman, and Abraham Linville.

The Cove Creek Church, in its infancy, affiliated itself with the old Mountain Association, which was comprised at that time of the present counties of Burke, Caldwell, Watauga, Ashe, and Alleghany, and part of Virginia and Tennessee. The first meeting of this association with Cove Creek was in 1811. Later, in 1841, the Cove Creek Church withdrew from the Mountain Association to become a

charter member of the Three Forks Association.

Among those coming from Three Forks to organize the new church on Cove Creek were such names as Eggers, Davis, Reece, Vanderpool, Linville and Pittman. The first recorded conference held by the charter members was on Dec. 2, 1799, for the purpose of ordaining as ruling elders Samuel Vanderpool, Samuel Pittman and Abraham Linville. Early in its history the first church building was washed away. The exact date of the erection of the second building is not known, but it was located on the hill near the site of the late Walnut Grove Academy. It was a log structure similar to the first building and was in use until 1846, when the church felt that it had outgrown its quarters and erected a third structure. The site selected for this building was where the present church is located. It was a frame building with open fire-place and small windows. The membership of the church at this time, according to the church roll, consisted of more than forty people, some of whom were Negro slaves that had been received into the church along with their masters. It was during this period that the church began to collect a small sum each year for the support of the ministry. The first recorded account shows \$8.46 $\frac{1}{4}$ collected for this purpose. It was during this time, too, that permission was given by the church for a community school to be taught and the teacher would agree to repair any damage done to the property by the scholars. This school was to be taught for five months each year in the church building and other than Baptist doctrine was not to be taught.

Again in 1882 the church was cramped in small quarters and felt forced to build for more room. This time a frame building, rather pretentious for its day, was erected on the site where the pastor's home is now located. This building was used until 1923, when the present brick building, with its modern conveniences, was constructed.

In 1937 the church completed its present plant with the erection of the pastor's home.

Despite the fact that the church has outgrown its quarters and changed its equipment many times, it has not changed in its original purpose, that of building the kingdom of God. In carrying out this great objective the church has indeed been fortunate in the leadership of such servants of God as: Samuel Vanerpool, Samuel Pittman, Abraham Linville, Leonard Bowers, Jacob Greene, Ruben Farthing, Joseph Harrison, John A. Farthing, D. C. Harman, William Williamson, A. C. Farthing, J. J. L. Sherwood, S. W. King, E. F. Jones, W. H. Hicks, David Greene, J. F. Davis, J. M. Payne, J. H. Farthing, M. A. Adams, R. D. Cross, B. H. Harrell, F. M. Huggins, W. E. Wilson, L. A. Hurst, J. A. McKaughan, Phillip Fletcher and H. K. Middleton.

Time and space will not permit mention of the splendid services

rendered by the above-named servants of God, but the great revival held by A. C. Farthing and Kitts Miller in 1856 which resulted in 60 additions to the church is not to be forgotten. Another important event in the history of the church is the beginning of the Sunday School work in 1867, with Hiram McBride as leader of the movement. In this early Sunday School work in the church the adults studied the Bible which the children were instructed in morality and right living with the old Blueback Speller as the medium. Worthy of mention, too, is the revival held in 1883 by J. J. L. Sherwood, in which more than thirty additions were made to the church. Rev. J. J. L. Sherwood seems to have been the first resident clergyman. After accepting the call to the church he moved into the community and served the church for 18 years during which time the church grew and prospered in the Lord's work.

In spite of the progress made by the church in its many organizations of recent years, it is still an inspiration to us today to review the work it has done as set down in the recorded minutes from Dec. 2, 1799, to the present time. These minutes are complete and have been well preserved. The church owes a great debt of gratitude to the following members who have served as church clerks: Abram Vanderpool, Dudley Farthing, J. H. Mast, J. J. Mast, W. M. Sherwood, D. C. Mast, E. F. Sherwood, A. D. Wilson, J. S. McBride, Dean Swift and Mrs. Hattie S. Lewis.

Cove Creek Church has had many offsprings that have proven themselves worthy of their progenitor. Among the churches constituted from Cove Creek are: Church at the Mount of the Elk, 1832; Zionville, 1836; Pine Grove, 1838; Antioch, 1849; Bethel, 1851; Brushy Fork, 1858; Pleasant Grove, 1891; Willowdale, 1911.

Worthy of mention too are the following ministers ordained by the church: Brazilla McBride, 1832; Jacob Greene, 1833; Ruben P. Farthing, 1834; John A. Farthing, 1850; A. J. McBride, 1882; A. C. Sherwood, 1902.

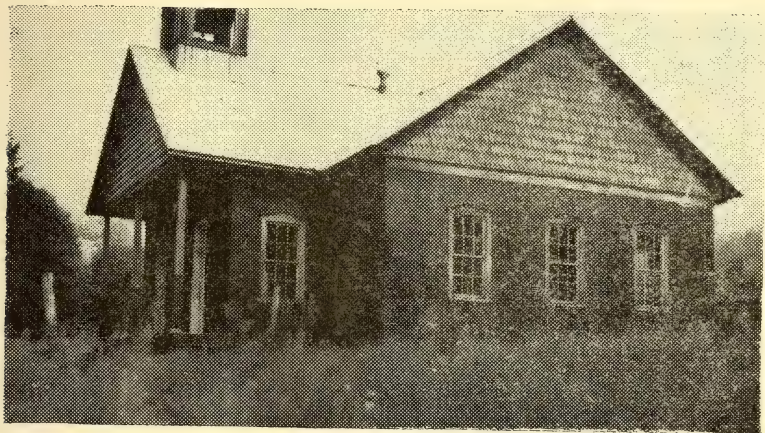
The church has now under its sponsorship a W. M. U., a Y. W. A., Girls Auxiliary, Royal Ambassadors, Sunbeam Band, Junior B. T. U., and Senior B. T. U. organizations. Under the leadership of Rev. Hubert Middleton, recently elected pastor, Cove Creek Church is looking forward to continued growth and usefulness in the Lord's service.

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ELK KNOB BAPTIST CHURCH

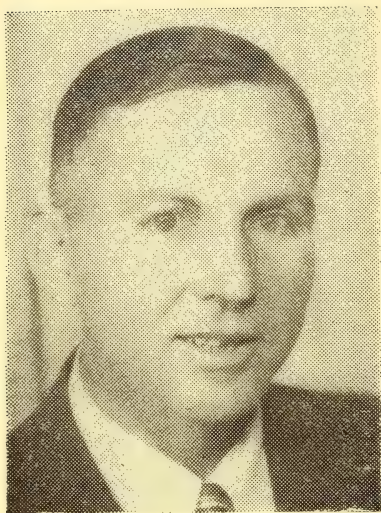
Elk Knob Church was organized in 1890. Present membership of 80, pastor Arthur Ashley.

FOREST GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH



Forest Grove Church was organized April 20, 1889, by J. H. Farthing and A. C. Farthing with J. J. T. Reece as clerk of the presbytery. Smith Hagaman was elected the first clerk and J. H. Farthing pastor. The third Saturday and Sunday of each month was adopted for the meeting time. The following were charter members: W. R. Trivett, John Greene, M. W. Storie, Louisa Trivett, Sarah F. Greene, Nancy Thompson and Nancy L. Dougherty from Bethel and Adaline Gragg from Big Laurel and J. M. Johnson, Empsy Gragg, H. P. Dougherty, Milton Storie, Smith Hagaman, J. G. Hagaman, Hugh Hagaman, B. C. Hagaman, J. B. Williams, Evaline Church, Martha Gragg, Susan Gragg, Sarah J. Williams, Sarah Hillard, Helen Hagaman, Elizabeth Hagaman, Clerica Johnson, Nancy Hagaman, Nettie Greene, Merelda Greene, Julia Green, Sarah Greene, Minnie Dishman, Cora Hagaman and Phæba Hagaman from Beaver Dam Church, a total of 33 members.

The following pastors have served this church: J. H. Farthing, David Greene, J. F. Eller, G. W. Trivett, L. A. Wilson, R. C. Eggers, W. Swift, Roy Dotson, E. J. Farthing, J. C. Canipe. R. C. Eggers is the present pastor.



REV. GRADY HAMBY

Grady Hamby, Pastor of Gap Creek, Oak Grove, and Mt. Calvary Churches. He was born in Ashe County, N. C., in 1900. He was converted in 1932 and was ordained in 1934. He has been pastor of at least thirteen different churches giving all his time to this and evangelistic work.

GAP CREEK CONGREGATION



GAP CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

(Since the church records were burned in 1823 all the history of the church could not be obtained but the following statements are thought to be fairly accurate.)

THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—APPENDIX

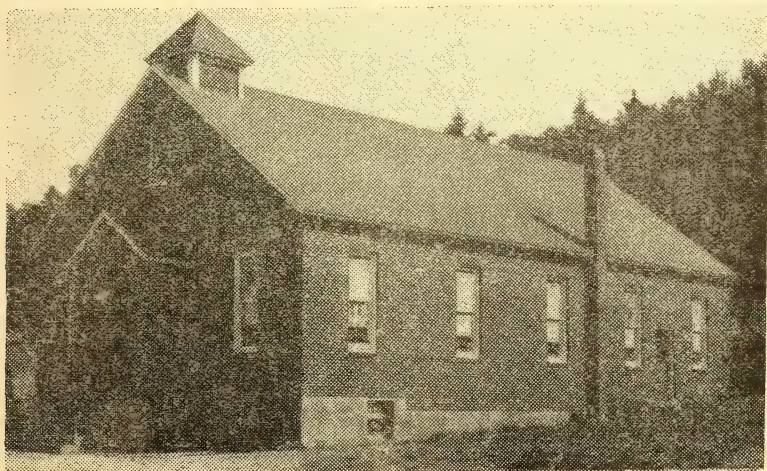
Gap Creek Baptist Church was constituted about the year 1882 at the home of J. B. Hopkins. There were about 12 charter members. A one-room building was erected which served the congregation until 1939 when an addition of four Sunday School rooms was made. This made the building adequate for the church's present membership of 134.

The following pastors have served the church: George Church, Harrison Blankenship, I. W. Thomas, Thomas Duncan, P. H. Hare, Charles Michael, C. R. Norris, Asa Brown, D. M. Wheeler, Levi Green, E. C. Hodges, W. D. Ashley, J. C. Canipe and G. A. Hamby, the present pastor.

HOWARDS CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Howards Creek Church was constituted in 1882. The present membership is 170 and W. J. Cook is pastor.

LAUREL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH



LAUREL SPRINGS CHURCH

Laurel Springs Baptist Church was constituted in October, 1873, and derived its name from a large spring in a clump of laurels near the building in which the church was organized. This building was

constructed of logs by the citizens of the community for Sunday School and preaching services.

Joseph Brown was the only man of the community who was a member of any church at that time. The presbytery was composed of R. P. Farthing, William Wilcox and Nathan Phillips. There were fifteen charter members, eight of whom were from Stony Fork Church, as follows: D. G. Hendrix, Elizabeth Hendrix, Solomon Greene, Emily Watson, Irene Watson, Thursa Idol, Darby Triplett, and Margaret Triplett; seven were from Three Forks Church, as follows: Joseph Brown, Sarah Brown, Susannah Brown, Cannie Bingham, Daniel Greene, Michael Cook and Cynthia Cook. Some of these lived six miles away. Michael Cook was the first clerk and Joseph Brown and G. D. Hendrix were the first deacons.

Two or three years later there was a Methodist Church organized in the same building and the same building was used by the Methodists and Baptists and also for a public school building for approximately fifteen years.

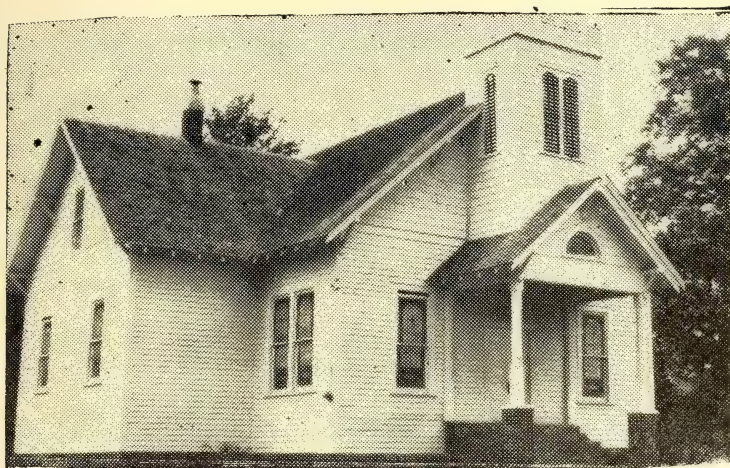
Gap Creek and Pilot Mountain churches were constituted by members from this church.

In 1893 the church erected a new building near where the present building stands at Laxon, N. C. At that time there were 155 members and S. T. Carroll was the pastor. There have been twenty-seven pastors of the church, including R. C. Eggers, the present pastor.

The present church building is of brick veneer construction and was erected in 1938 under the supervision of Walter C. Greene, who was then pastor. The building was built in about ninety days, completely paid for by the members and citizens of our community, with no indebtedness on it at the time of completion.

The present officers are: W. H. Wagoner, clerk; Clifford Ray, T. C. Greene and Arthur Greene, deacons. The present membership is 212.

MEAT CAMP BAPTIST CHURCH



MEAT CAMP CHURCH

Meat Camp Baptist Church is located about five miles north of Boone, on highway No. 221. It was constituted in 1851 with eighteen charter members: seven from South Fork, ten from Three Forks, and one from Ebenezer (now Zionville.)

Rev. Jacob Greene was the first pastor and Benjamin Greene the first clerk. There have been twenty-six different pastors, serving from a few months to thirteen years, L. A. Wilson serving longest. Eight clerks have served the church, L. A. Greene serving as clerk for fifty-four years.

The church has grown from 18 to 200 members. The church has been housed in three different buildings, the last one erected in 1927.

Rev. Tipton Greene is the present pastor and M. C. Brown is clerk.

MIDDLE FORK BAPTIST CHURCH

After the dissolution of Flat Top Church a few of its members, together with a few other members met Nov. 3, 1905, in a blacksmith shop and organized this church. The services were conducted by C. S. Farthing and the presbytery was composed of John Crisp, J. M. Payne and I. C. Miller. The following eighteen were the charter members: Wm. Elrod, Chaney Elrod, Nevada Elrod, Sallie Elrod, T. F. Greer, Mary Greer, Hattie Greer, D. S. Shore, Alice Shore, Caroline Shore, J. M. Elrod, Etta Elrod, Mary B. Elrod, A. J. Shull, Mrs. M. C. Shull, Harstin Shull, Rosa Ford, and John Ashley.

L. C. Miller was the first pastor and A. J. Shull was elected clerk. The present church building was dedicated in 1907. The following have served as pastors: I. C. Miller, J. F. Davis, J. M. Payne, Harrison Farthing, L. C. Wilson, John Carlton, E. M. Gragg, E. C. Hodges, F. C. Watts, W. D. Ashley, R. H. Shore, W. C.

Payne, and Grady Minton, present pastor.

Clerks have served the church as follows: A. J. Shull, L. P. Hodges, R. C. Greene, G. F. Edmisten, J. C. Ashley, W. T. Vandyke, Hal J. Shore, present clerk. The following members have served on the board of deacons: Wm. Elrod, T. F. Greer, Watt Triplett, J. M. Brown, J. M. Elrod, John Norris, H. G. Cook, G. F. Edmisten, Paul Hodges, C. C. Hodges, J. C. Ashley, H. B. Triplett, and J. W. Pennell.

The membership is now 138 and the church building is not now adequate, and plans are under way for the erection of a new building.

MOUNT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH



MOUNT CALVARY CHURCH

Mount Calvary Church was constituted in 1880. A small group of people met in a small log school house and organized the church with the following charter members: J. C. Chappell, Martha Chappell, Levina Gaultney, Angeline Gaultney, John Rowe and wife, and a Mr. Johnson. J. P. Hall and Calvin Harman took part in the constitution of the church. Calvin Harman was the first pastor of the church. About eight years later a building was erected at Balm, N. C. The present building is of brick construction and is valued at \$10,000.

The membership at present is 201. The pastors of the church are as follows: Calvin Harman, J. H. Farthing, L. C. Wilson, J. F. Eller, E. M. Gragg, F. C. Watts, Phillip Fletcher, and G. A. Hamby, who is pastor at the present time.

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MOUNT GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Mount Gilead Church was constituted in 1869. Now has a membership of 118, and E. J. Farthing is pastor.

MOUNT LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH



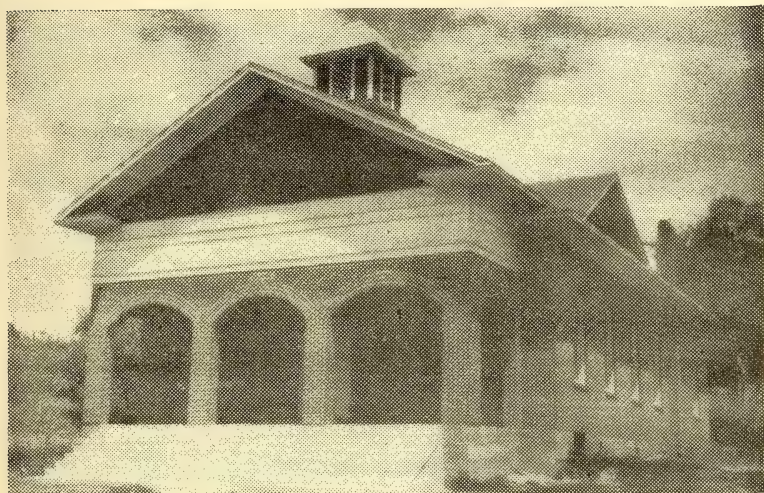
MOUNT LEBANON CHURCH

Mount Lebanon Baptist Church was constituted May 30, 1891, in the Bryan School House, with the following charter members from Brushy Fork and other churches: George McGinnis, Wiley Hodges, Gideon Walls, Sarah Hodges, Phoebe Walls, Elizabeth McGinnis, Maggie Cornett, Sallie Bryan, Joe Bryan, Andy Hollars, M. L. McGinnis, I. I. Bryan, Jane Hodges, M. E. McGinnis, Elizabeth Walls. The only surviving charter member is Phoebe Wal's Bumgarner. The new church was named by Joe Bryan. On May 31, 1891, the first pastor and officers were elected as follows: Calvin Harman, pastor; Joe Bryan, clerk, and George McInnis and Joe Bryan, deacons.

The church worshipped in the Bryan School House for several years. About 1900 Alfred Hatley gave the land on which to erect a church building about that time, but it was some years before the building was completed.

Mount Lebanon Church has had thirteen different pastors: Calvin Harman, Edmond Greene, James Davis, George Trivett, Sidney King, Lee Fox, L. C. Wilson, John Eller, E. C. Hodges, W. D. Ashley, W. C. Payne, W. J. Cook, Troy Danner and Carl Triplett, present pastor.

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH



OAK GROVE CHURCH

The church was named for the Oak Grove School, where the people of the community met. In 1912 a Sunday School was organized and preachers from Brushy Fork, Poplar Grove, Three Forks and other churches preached on Sunday afternoons there. L. A. Wilson held the first revival meeting in the Oak Grove community and baptized a large number into the fellowship of Brushy Fork and Poplar Grove Churches.

Oak Grove Baptist Church was constituted March 17, 1916, by Elders I. J. McGinnis and E. M. Gragg, with the following charter members: Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Foster, Grace Foster, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hodges, Sue Greene, E. C. Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. John Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Barnes, Stewart Barnes, Polly Adams, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hodges and P. C. Wike.

The church grew until the school house could not accommodate the congregation and the people who came to worship. In 1923 they built and occupied the first church building which became too small and in 1936 the pastor, F. C. Watts, launched a campaign for a new church which was occupied in 1937.

The following have served as pastors of our church: E. M. Gragg, W. A. Pennell, E. C. Hodges, F. C. Watts, W. D. Ashley, and G. A. Hamby, present pastor.

PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH



PLEASANT GROVE CONGREGATION

The Pleasant Grove Baptist Church was organized June 14, 1891, by A. J. McBride, J. J. L. Sherwood and David Greene as the presbytery. There were twenty-eight charter members who came from Cove Green and Mount Zion (Zionville.) Rufus Smith and James Isaacs were the first deacons. The first delegates to the Association were; Rufus Smith, James Isaacs and Roby Greene.

David Greene served as pastor from June 14, 1891, to Sept. 15, 1909, the date of his death. Other pastors with length of their services are as follows: L. A. Wilson, 1909-1920; R. C. Eggers, 1900-1926; L. A. Hurst, 1926-1927; G. W. Sebastian, 1927-1935; W. D. Ashley, 1935-1937; and D. M. Edmisten, 1937 to present time.

The following have served as clerks: Robert Perry, Alex Hagaman, C. C. Adams, E. H. Perry, J. R. Isaacs, N. T. Byers, J. H. Mast, Nora Mast, Roy Eggers, R. H. Townsend, and John Hagaman, the present clerk. The Board of Deacons consists of I. B. Wilson, chairman, John Hagaman, clerk, A. C. Culler, Everett Culler, John Perry, and Thiel Greene.

POPLAR GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH



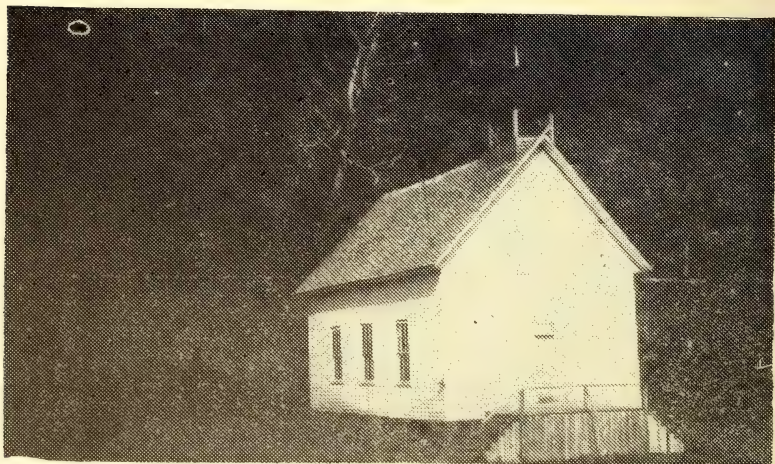
POPLAR GROVE CHURCH

Poplar Grove Church was constituted in the summer of 1873. The charter members came from Three Forks and Mount Vernon Baptist churches. The congregation met in a log building for eight years. Then a new framed building was constructed on the present site. The congregation grew until it was necessary to build a larger church. While the small church was being torn away and the new one was being constructed services were held in the school house on the church lot.

The church has an auditorium which will seat 250 and Sunday School rooms which accommodate its graded Sunday School.

The church has an active membership of 99 with a large percent of them enrolled in Sunday School, Baptist Training Union and the Woman's Missionary Union.

PROFFIT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH



PROFFIT GROVE CHURCH

Beginning about 1900 the people of the Upper Meat Camp community held a revival meeting each year in the name of Meat Camp Church. This continued until 1912, when William T. Proffit, L. A. Wilson and John C. Greene and others assumed the responsibility of building a church in this community. J. C. Proffit donated the site for the church and cemetery. This building was finished in 1915. A Sunday School was organized at that time and has continued ever since. The people met, worshipped, and transacted business once a month in the name and as an arm of Meat Camp Church with the pastor of Meat Camp, L. A. Wilson, who gave his services to this community. Proffit Grove Church was organized Nov. 27, 1921.

The presbytery consisted of L. C. Wilson and L. A. Wilson, together with H. S. Jones, a deacon of Meat Camp Church. The presbytery organized by electing L. C. Wilson moderator and J. A. Winbarger clerk. Letters were called for and the following presented letters of dismission from Meat Camp, Zionville and other churches: Bryan—Henry and Ella; Dancy—Aris, Dora, Myrtle and Bell; Davis, Veana; Greene, Sarah; Hodgson, Pearl; Miller—J. L., Sarah, Lloyd, M. A., Pearl, Claude, Joe, Ada, Mary and Jane; Norris—Claude, Hollie and S. S.; Proffit—C. M., Minnie, Floy, Henry, Emma, J. C., and Nelia; Winebarger—J. A. Lizzie, G. C., Emma and Maude—34 charter members.

After due consideration and examination of the articles of faith and church covenant the organization was effected and by

unanimous consent the church was named Proffit Grove Baptist Church. L. A. Wilson was elected pastor and he served eleven years. Other pastors of this church were: E. C. Hodges, H. M. Winkler, A. E. Moretz and Carl Triplett, pastor at the present time.

The clerks of this church are as follows: J. A. Winebarger, D. L. Greene, L. E. Wilson and C. M. Proffit. The first board of deacons consisted of J. C. Norris, J. H. Miller and Henry Proffit. J. A. Winebarger and J. G. Wilson were later added to the board and also Henry Bryan and Frank Winebarger.

This church has held a revival meeting each year since its organization. The present membership is 133. The Sunday School has had one normal course taught by Z. T. Watson; two Sunday School revivals led by Margaret Lee Liles and Margaret Adams; one Stewardship revival led by Ben Lee Ray.

It is beyond our ability to express in a few words the worth of this church to our community. We desire to say, honor and praise to those who loved the Master enough to toil and labor to build this church that we and our children after us might live within the sound of a church bell. May we take courage from their devotion and thereby carry on in a manner worthy of the example they have left us.

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RICH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Rich Mountain Baptist Church was organized in 1905. It now has a membership of 70 and Raymond Hendrix is pastor.

RUTHERWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH



RUTHERWOOD CHURCH

The need for a church in the Rutherwood community had been felt by several people for a number of years. Those interested had organized a Sunday School, which met in the school house.

In October, 1938, our present pastor, W. J. Cook, was sent on appointment to preach at Rutherwood School House, and at the request of the people he remained for a few days revival meeting. There was much interest shown and a large number of conversions. The new converts did not wish to join a church outside the community, so the question of organizing a church gained new momentum. Several members of other churches who lived in the community signified their willingness to become members of a new church. The new converts joined Mount Vernon Church and then procured their letters in a group. These new members, with a few others from Three Forks and Laurel Springs, twenty-eight, met in Rutherwood School House in 1938 and organized a new church. The presbytery consisted of the following: R. C. Eggers, Moderator; W. C. Greene, clerk; J. C. Canipe, E. C. Hodges, Vilas Minton, Grady Minton, A. B. Church, W. J. Cook, Carl Triplett, and Raymond Hendrix.

The following were charter members: Earl Bodenhammer, Claude Bodenhammer, Baxter Baird, Lawrence Brown, Furman

Brown, Greene Carroll, Fancie Carroll, Perry Carroll, Myrtle Carroll, Walter Carroll, Quentin Carlton, Addie Clawson, Nannie Cook, Edsel Cook, Larkin Greer, Rhoda Greer, Ralph Hodges, Beulah Hodges, Fred Michael, Margie Michael, Juanita Michael, Charles Michael, Dallas Richardson, Arthus Smathers, Claude Smathers, Ruth Smathers, Joe Triplett and Frank Watson.

Mrs. B. D. Clawson was elected clerk and W. J. Cook pastor. The membership of the church grew steadily. In January, 1939, W. C. Carroll and Spencer Brown were ordained as deacons to serve with D. C. Michael, who came to our church as an ordained deacon from Meat Camp Church.

During the first winter services were held in the school house, but during that time money was being collected with which to build a church. A site was donated by Mr. Eller McNeil and Mr. John W. Hodges. The building was begun in April, 1939, and was finished by August, 1939. At the 1939 Session of the Three Forks Association, Rutherford Church was admitted.

We now have a completed building, painted, and with modern seats. The Membership is now 70. We have an active Sunday School and weekly prayer meeting. We have lost two members, one by death and one by letter.

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SHULLS MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

In February, 1888, E. M. Gragg conducted a revival meeting in the school house in the Shulls Mills community. At the close of this revival it was decided to organize a church. In March, 1888, Shulls Mills Church was constituted in the school house by a presbytery consisting of J. J. L. Sherwood, moderator, E. M. Gragg, J. C. Johnson, W. F. Knight. The following assisted in the organization: W. W. Presnell, clerk, W. M. Francum, W. Bumgarner, J. M. Hartley, J. L. Hayes, J. N. Mast, J. H. Johnson, A. C. Calloway.

The following presented letters: J. C. Shull, E. J. Shull, John Reed, Sr., M. E. Gray, R. J. Gray, Mary Gray, from Watauga Church; Joseph Icenhour, Jane Coffey, from Boone's Fork Church; J. D. Brown and Etta Brown from Flat Top Church; John Danner from Brushy Fork; Ellen Reed from Poplar Grove; G. W. Robbins from Buffalo Cove Church and Z. V. Brown from Piney Grove Church.

The articles of faith and church covenant were read by the presbytery and adopted as read. J. C. Johnson and J. J. L. Sherwood delivered the charge and the hand of fellowship was extended to the new members and they were declared a regular Baptist Church. The church was named Shulls Mills. J. D. Brown and John S. Read,

Sr. were elected deacons and J. C. Johnson was elected pastor; also G. W. Robbins, clerk. Two of the charter members, John S. Reed, Sr., and wife, Ellen Reed, are still living at the age of 87 years.

The following have served as pastors: J. C. Johnson, E. M. Gragg, A. S. Church, W. F. Knight, J. L. Davis, E. D. Crisp, C. S. Farthing, J. M. Payne, John Norris, N. S. Hampton, B. F. Wilcox, E. C. Hodges, G. W. Sebastian, E. J. Farthing, Mastin Bradshaw, I. C. Miller, W. C. Payne, Roy Dotson, R. C. Eggers, Vilas Minton. Clerks have been as follows: G. W. Robbins, M. F. Presnell, J. D. Brown, J. C. Shull, H. T. Coffey, J. C. Walters and J. M. Day. The membership is now 89.

SOUTH FORK BAPTIST CHURCH

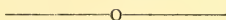
South Fork Church is the third oldest church in the Three Forks Association, having been organized in February, 1833, with eight members from Three Forks and Old Fields Churches. The charter members were: Frederick Mikeal, Nathaniel Church, Phillip Church, Jesse Greer, Sr., Jesse Greer, Jr., Fannie McGuire, Polly Greer and Polly Mikeal. The presbytery which organized the church had three ministers: Richard Jacks, J. C. McBride and Wm. B. Swanson. During the first year Mr. Swanson preached for the church but was not called pastor.

At first the church had no house of worship, but met in private homes and at a small log school house. A log house was soon built on the present church lot, but had no arrangements for heating and on cold days a fire was built near the church house, to which the people would retire and warm, then return to their duties in the house. In the early seventies a framed house was built, which served until 1900 when the present house of worship was built. The church united with the Mountain Association, which embraced the present counties of Burke, Caldwell, Watauga, Ashe, and Alleghany and parts of Virginia and Tennessee, from which the Three Forks Association was organized in 1841. In the records of the church, reference is made to sending delegates to a convention held at Three Forks Church in November, 1841, to organize the Three Forks Association, of which association the church has since been a member. The delegates sent to this organization meeting were: Solomon Younce, Isham Calloway and Elder Isaiah Wilcox.

Since the church was organized it has ordained three ministers: William Wilcox, Levi Wilson and John T. Stevens.

In the early years of the church it seems that they had no regular pastor, but depended upon transient ministers for preaching, elect-

ing a moderator at each conference. The first reference to calling a pastor was in April, 1855, when Joseph Harrison was called to the pastorate, and in those days they did not call a pastor as we do now, but the church chose some preacher and petitioned the church of which he was a member for its consent for him to serve the church as pastor. In 1861, Wm. Wilcox was elected pastor, and since then the church has had the following pastors: W. M. Baldwin, E. F. Jones, I. W. Thomas, J. C. Johnson, H. A. Blankenship, David Greene, T. M. Duncan, J. J. L. Sherwood, L. A. Wilson, C. S. Farthing, J. M. Payne, M. A. Adams, A. J. Greene, T. F. Roberts, T. G. Nanney, S. C. Blackburn, J. A. Brendle, Levi Greene, H. M. Winkler, and W. D. Ashley. Also the following have served as clerks: Nathaniel Church, Isham Calloway, Solomon Younce, Wiley Church, L. W. Church, D. E. Laurence, J. S. Stansbury, I. E. Duncan, Z. T. Watson, Will H. McGuire and Leslie Norris.



STONY FORK BAPTIST CHURCH



STONY FORK CHURCH

Stony Fork Baptist Church was constituted November 19, 1841, with thirty-nine members from three sister churches, Three Forks, Oldfields and Lewis Fork. The old records of the church say that they held their meetings near Wyatt Carlton's in Wilkes County

(That was about one mile down Stony Fork Creek from present church). The first pastor was William Church from Lewis Fork, the first deacons were Wyatt Carlton and John Trivett.

Stony Fork Church joined Lewis Fork Association in 1842 and when the Stony Fork Association was organized it was a member. It joined Three Forks Association in 1911.

In May, 1866, the church agreed to build a new meeting house near the foot of the Blue Ridge where the present church stands. They sold the old building for \$5.00 and built another log building which was used for a school house as well as a church. On April 10, 1897, the church agreed to build a new house, but the work was not done until 1898 when the present wood building was erected.

Since the church was constituted it has had the following pastors, clerks, and deacons: Pastors: Wm. Church, Wm. Brown, John Cook, Linville Land, Larkin Hodges, J. R. Carlton, Daniel Wellborn, Jotham Phillips, J. F. Eller, Solomon Greene, Larkin Pipes, S. L. Carroll, Wm. Lee, I. C. Miller, P. H. Hair, Jim Greene, Levi Greene, F. C. Watts, E. C. Hodges, W. D. Ashley, W. C. Payne and Vilas Minton. Clerks: John Trivett, Finley P. Carlton, Elijah Trivett, W. E. Greene, R. F. Wagner, A. A. Hamby, Z. V. Greene, Sherman Welborn, Russell Wellborn and John Wellborn. Deacons: Wyatt Carlton, John Trivett, Solomon Greene, W. S. Greene, T. R. Greene, R. L. Wagner, D. L. Wellborn, B. F. Cook, Isaac Smith, Mansfield Green, Boyd Greene and V. O. Greene. Stony Fork Church now has 181 members.

THREE FORKS BAPTIST CHURCH



Three Forks Baptist Church was constituted November 6, 1790, in the home of Robert Shearer. The charter members were: James Tompkins, Richard Greene, Daniel Eggers, Ellender Greene, Wm. Miller, Mary Miller and Phoebe Eggers. This was the first church established in Watauga County and the second one west of the Blue Ridge.

The first members added by experience and baptism were: Sarah Coleman, Avis Eggers and Benjamin Cutberth. The first member by letter was Lidia Council.

Ministerial help was sought from Beaver Creek Church. Bro. Barlow came and Three Forks Church agreed to give him 10 shillings each time he met with them in worship. Among the other early pastors were: Richard Gentry, John C. Bynum, Nathaniel Vannoy, George McNeil and Joseph Harrison.

In the early days, when courts were few, the churches were the one great moral force in the community. They were strict in discipline and nothing seemed too trivial for the correction of the church. Ezekiel Eng'and was excommunicated for injuring his neighbor and refusing to hear the church, also Susanna Brown for not taking gospel steps with a member for tale bearing and for telling untruths. Bro. Sam Ayers was suspended for drinking liquor

to excess, using profane speech, singing vain songs and dancing. The church looked upon it as necessary for a member to consult with the church before going to law upon any matter of slander or state affairs. In Jan. 1789, we find Bro. and Sister Hull suspended for their endeavors to rescue their son from the hands of an officer. Bro. Sam Wilkerson was excommunicated for turning to sinful companions. In 1799 they set aside the first Saturday in Sept. and June as the regular communion service. Anyone refusing to partake must be examined by the church as to why he refused.

In the service of March, 1800, we find this record: "After conference upon the subject of double marriage we do enter our solemn protest against this being agreeable to the word of God. We resolve for the future to receive none of whom such a thing, as having another wife or husband living, is reported until the matter is fully cleared up, that they are not". In 1801 John Brown confessed to being so overcome by passion as to strike a man. In April, 1802, Benjamin Brown was acquitted of having attended the races at Elizabethton and in July, 1802, John Brown was cited to answer charges of having joined the Masons, and in August was excommunicated.

In August, 1793, the first letters of dismission were granted to T. N. Faugerson and wife as they were moving to another community.

From 1790 to 1800 the seven original members had increased to 140. During this time 105 had been received by experience, one death was recorded and 19 had been excommunicated. However, a large majority of these last were later restored to membership. From the beginning until the present day the church has experienced both lean and flourishing seasons.

Worthy of attention is the fact that Three Forks was continually sending out delegations of members to help constitute other churches in the neighboring counties. As the result of this the Christian work spread into other states. Not only did they help establish churches, but records show that they continued to be helpful in these churches in their early years.

Three Forks Church has been fortunate in having its first church books preserved in their original copies. They are now very valuable and are kept safe for future generations.

There have been three church houses during these one hundred-fifty years. The first one was made of logs and stood near the river about one mile back of the present church. The second one was built of lumber about the year 1800. It stood on the same site as the first building. In 1922 the present church house was built.

Three Forks church has had a Sunday School for many years and has been missionary in the main throughout its long and eventful history.

She has been led by outstanding pastors of this and other associations. Among them have been: J. J. L. Sherwood, E. F. Jones, J. F. Eller, J. F. Davis, I. C. Miller, J. C. Carlton, W. Swift, E. M. Gragg, F. C. Watts, W. D. Ashley and J. C. Canipe. The present pastor is Vilas Minton.

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TIMBERED RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH



Timbered Ridge Baptist Church was organized Feb. 16, 1906, at Timbered Ridge school house by thirty-two charter members coming from the following churches of the Three Forks Association: Bethel, Antioch and Mount Gilead. Two members came from Mountainview and one from Sugar Grove Church of Watauga Association of Tennessee.

We have received one hundred and seventy-six members by experience and baptism and sixty-eight by letter. We now have a membership of one hundred and twenty-five. Ten of the charter members are still living, but only three are now members of this church, the others having moved to other churches.

Rev. John F. Eller was chosen as the first pastor and succeeding him have been L. C. Wilson, W. Swift, M. A. Adams, A. J. Greene and Tipton Greene who is now pastor.

The church has had an evergreen Sunday School since its organization.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

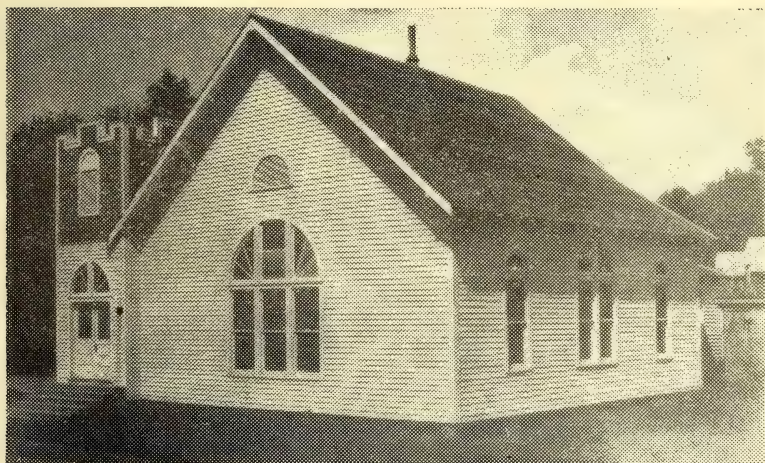


Union Baptist Church was organized Aug. 1, 1885, at North Fork, Mabel, N. C. There were twelve members who came from Zionville Church and who organized this church. Elizabeth Greer is the only charter member who is still living. John Hughes was the first pastor and the following have since served as pastor: David Eller, Wm. Eller, John Eller, Calvin Farthing, David Greene, Solomon Younce, L. A. Wilson, Geo. W. Trivett, R. C. Eggers, E. C. Hodges, G. W. Sebastian, Rosecoe Trivett, Phillip Fletcher, Will J. Cook and W. D. Ashley, present pastor.

This church has grown from the twelve charter members to a membership today of 260.

Aug. 1, 1940, we started on a building program, we tore the old building down and excavated the site and we now have a new building with a large auditorium and six Sunday School rooms. The estimated cost of this building is \$2500.00. Our present clerk, Jim Burkett, has served for twenty-two years and John Oliver has served as song leader for more than 30 years. This church joined Three Forks Association in 1902.

WILLOWDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Willowdale Baptist Church was organized Feb. 25, 1911, by a presbytery consisting of I. J. McGhinis and E. M. Gragg. The charter members, twenty-nine in number, were as follows: Annie Blair, Fina Blair, James Blair, B. S. Dugger, David Dugger, Mary E. Dugger, W. E. Dugger, Nancy Dugger, John T. Dugger, M. C. Dugger, M. J. Dugger, Martha Adams, Henrietta Blair, Waldo Elliott, Alice Fox, S. L. Fox, Commilla Fox, Filmore Fox, Lafayette Fox, James Hayes, Essie Hayes, Elmire Holtzclaw, Mattie Holtzclaw, Addia Brinkley, John Norris, Martha Norris, Avery Norris, J. B. Smith and Mae Smith.

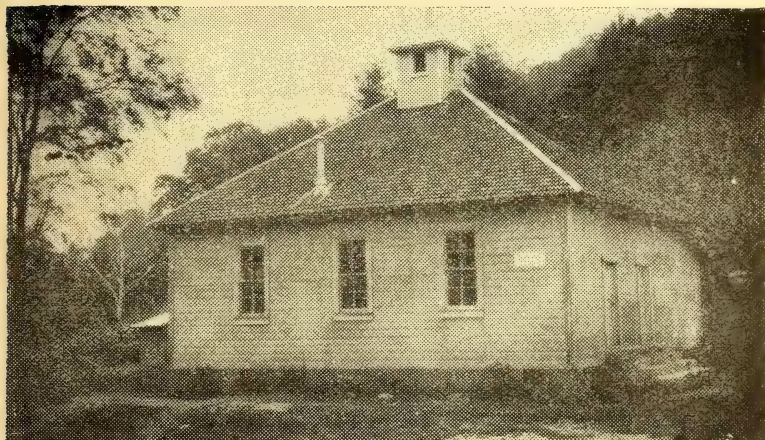
The present officers of the church are: Pastor, R. L. Painter; clerk, I. A. Bumgarner; treasurer, Cecil Glenn; Sunday School superintendent, Mrs. C. C. Edmisten; Sunday School secretary, Murriel Bumgarner.

WILLOW VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH



Willow Valley Baptist Church was organized Feb. 9, 1935, with twenty-nine charter members. Our membership has now increased to eighty-nine. We have had only two pastors, W. J. Cook, and Grady Hamby. Our two first deacons were ordained at Antioch, Dillard Greene and J. O. Ward. When our church was organized G. C. Ward, J. R. Phillips and L. D. Harman were ordained as deacons. L. D. Harman died in April, 1940. Our first clerk was D. W. Edmisten followed by Geo. W. Harman, present clerk. We have had an evergreen Sunday School and prayer meeting since the church was organized.

ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

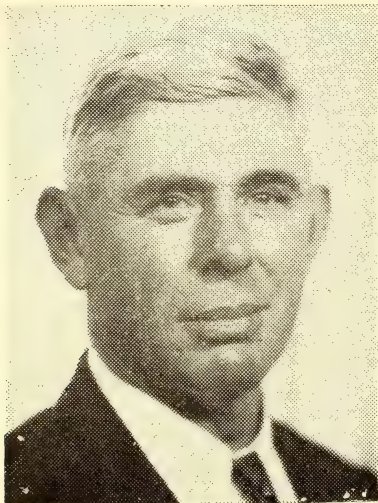


Zion Hill Baptist Church, located in the western part of Watauga County near the Avery County line on Watauga River, was organized in 1886 by D. C. Harman and Jacob Younce with twenty-six members. The following have served the church as pastor: A. J. Harmon, Jacob Younce, John McBride, Harrison Farthing, Lee Palmer, Solomon Younce, G. W. Trivett, D. A. Greene, W. Swift, Clay Wilson, C. S. Farthing, John Eller, L. C. Wilson, Tipton Greene and W. C. Payne. The first deacons were Eli Harman, E. T. Pesnell and D. W. Hagaman. Since that time the following have served as deacons: M. P. Edmisten, Ed Stines, M. A. Ward, H. A. Hagaman, Louis Harman and Alvin Cannon. M. A. Ward, Louis Harman and Alvin Cannon compose the present board of deacons.

D. W. Hagaman was the first clerk. The first sermon was preached by Reubin Farthing in 1885 before the building was completed on the subject, "Job and his patience".

The late Elder A. J. Harman donated the site and was the moving spirit in the building and organization of the church and continued to be a tower of strength until his death in 1904. Many other members worked tirelessly to erect and maintain the church. The church has increased in membership from the original twenty-six to the present number of 154. The church still uses the original building, to which has been added two Sunday School rooms.

The church ordained the late John Keller to the ministry.



Rev. R. C. Eggers
Pastor, Mt. Vernon Church

R. C. Eggers was born June 30th, 1888, at Zionville, N. C., He Joined Zionville church in 1910 and was ordained to the ministry in 1914. Since then he has served 20 different churches as pastor and is now serving his 15th year at Mt. Vernon. He served 4 years as Moderator of the Three Forks Association.

ZIONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH



Zionville Church was first called Ebenezer and was constituted on Aug. 13, 1836, by Isaiah Wilcoxon and Barzilla McBride when this was Ashe County. In 1872 the name was changed to Mt. Zion and was later changed to Zionville.

It began with fourteen members as follows: Valentine Reece, Anna Reece, Elizabeth Greer, Anna Hagaman, Sarah Reece,

Jacob Greene, Violet Greene, Hannah Reece, Nancy Dotson, Lemuel Wilson, Rebecca Wilson, Enoch Musgrave, and Mary Reece.

This was the fourth church to be constituted in the Watauga County. The deed was made by John Farthing in May, 1837. The church has worshipped in three different buildings. The first was built of logs and stood near the center of the present cemetery. Some of the pastors who have served the church are as follows: Brazilla McBride, Abner Farthing, Billie Wilcox, Billie Canter, J. J. L. Sherwood, E. F. Jones, David Greene, Solomon Younce, John Eller, Harrison Farthing, J. M. Payne, Calvin Farthing, C. R. Norris, L. A. Wilson, R. C. Eggers, W. D. Ashley, W. C. Payne, Tipton Greene and Carl Triplett, the present pastor.

